

Existing constitution requires that, except for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, all offices, agencies, and other instrumentalities of the executive branch of state government and their functions, powers, duties, and responsibilities be allocated according to function within not more than 20 departments.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes the maximum number of executive branch departments from 20 to 21. Provides that no department in the executive branch may be created that has the powers, duties, and functions to perform or administer programs or services historically performed or administered by any other agency, office, or department of the state.

Act No. 874 (Section 4) further provides that the department created by the amendment shall be able to use federal funding under Title 19. (Note: Act No. 384 of the 2013 R.S. created the Dept. of Elderly Affairs and provided it would become effective when an existing department was abolished or the constitution was amended to permit an additional department.)

Act No. 874 (Section 3) provides that the proposed constitutional amendment shall not become effective until funding is provided by the legislature, but no sooner than June 12, 2015.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, §1(B))