

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 237

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS: (Constitutional Amendment) Requires the registrar of voters in each parish to be appointed for a term and authorizes the manner of appointment of the registrar to be provided by law

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that the registrar of voters is appointed for a term; to provide for the term of office of the registrar; to authorize the manner of appointment of the registrar to be provided by law; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§5. Registrar of Voters

Section 5. The governing authority of each parish shall appoint a registrar of voters, ~~whose~~ in the manner provided by law. The registrar shall be appointed for a term concurrent with the term of the members of the governing authority making the appointment. The compensation, removal from office for cause, bond, powers, and functions of the registrar shall be provided by law. Upon qualifying as a candidate for other public office, a registrar shall forfeit his office. No law shall provide for the removal from office of a registrar by the appointing authority.

1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 24,  
3 2015.

4 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,  
5 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
6 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
7 follows:

8 Do you support an amendment to provide that the registrar of voters in each  
9 parish is appointed for a term concurrent with the term of the members of the  
10 parish governing authority and to provide that the manner of such  
11 appointment be provided by law? (Amends Article XI, Section 5)

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that the registrar of voters is appointed for a term concurrent with the term of the members of the parish governing authority making the appointment.

Present constitution (Art. XI, §5) provides that the governing authority of each parish shall appoint a registrar of voters, whose compensation, removal from office for cause, bond, powers, and functions shall be provided by law. Provides that upon qualifying as a candidate for other public office, a registrar shall forfeit his office. Provides further that no law shall provide for the removal from office of a registrar by the appointing authority.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the registrar is appointed for a term concurrent with the term of the members of the parish governing authority. Authorizes the manner of appointment of the registrar to be provided by law. Otherwise retains present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 24, 2015.

(Amends Const. Art. XI, §5)