



1 manner in which it was surrendered. This Paragraph shall not apply to safety  
2 regulations pertaining to the operation of such utilities.

3 (2) The commission shall have no power to regulate any nonprofit water  
4 utility cooperative or corporation wholly owned by water users where each user has  
5 the voting right to elect the directors of the cooperation or corporation, except by the  
6 approval of a majority of the owners voting in an election held for that purpose.

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8 Section 1. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in  
9 this Joint Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2017.

10 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
11 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8,  
12 2016.

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

17 Do you support an amendment to limit the power of the Public Service  
18 Commission to regulate nonprofit water utility cooperatives wholly owned  
19 by water users? (Effective January 1, 2017) (Amends Article IV, Section  
20 21(C))

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**Abstract:** Limits the power of the PSC to regulate nonprofit water utility cooperatives wholly owned by waters users.

Present constitution provides for the regulation of public utilities by the PSC.

Proposed constitutional amendment prohibits the PSC from regulating any nonprofit water utility cooperative or corporation wholly owned by water users where each user has the right to vote for the directors of the cooperative.

Provides for an effective date of January 1, 2017.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2016.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, §21(C))