

Regular Session, 2003

HOUSE BILL NO. 601

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOWLER, BRUNEAU, LANCASTER, PITRE,
SNEED, AND WALSWORTH

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana, to add Article XII, Section 15, relative to administrative law; to authorize the legislature to provide by law for the creation, duties, and powers of a system of administrative law, for the employment, qualifications, and authority of administrative law judges, and with respect to appeals by governmental agencies seeking review of administrative decisions; 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 add Article XII, Section 15 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§15. Administrative Law

Section 15.(A) Authorization. The legislature may provide by law for the creation of a system of administrative law to commence and handle adjudications in the manner required by the Administrative Procedure Act.

(B) Administrative Law Judges. The legislature may provide by law for the employment, qualifications, and authority of administrative law judges.

(C) Appeals. The legislature may provide by law for access to courts by a governmental agency or public official seeking judicial review of an administrative agency determination.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the gubernatorial primary election to be held in 2003.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

To authorize legislation creating a system of administrative law to commence and handle administrative adjudications, providing for the employment, qualifications, and authority of administrative law judges, and providing with respect to access to the courts by a governmental agency or public official seeking judicial review of an administrative agency determination.

(Adds Article XII, Section 15)

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE