

SENATE BILL NO. 296

BY SENATOR ADLEY

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article III, Section 2(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to  
3 calling extraordinary sessions of the legislature; to require the proclamation to be  
4 issued at least seven calendar days prior to the convening of the legislature in  
5 extraordinary session; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition  
6 to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

7 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members  
8 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for  
9 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article III,  
10 Section 2(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

11 §2. Sessions

12 Section 2.

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14 B. Extraordinary Session. The legislature may be convened at other times by  
15 the governor and shall be convened by the presiding officers of both houses upon  
16 written petition of a majority of the elected members of each house. The form of the  
17 petition shall be provided by law. At least ~~five~~ **seven calendar** days prior to  
18 convening the legislature in extraordinary session, the governor or the presiding  
19 officers, as the case may be, shall issue a proclamation stating the objects of the  
20 **extraordinary** session, the date on which it shall convene, and the number of days  
21 for which it is convened. The power to legislate shall be limited, under penalty of  
22 nullity, to the objects specifically enumerated in the proclamation. The session shall  
23 be limited to the number of days stated therein, which shall not exceed thirty  
24 calendar days.

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Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2008.

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 require a proclamation which calls the legislature into extraordinary session to be issued at least seven calendar days prior to the convening of the legislature in extraordinary session. (Amends Article III, Section 2(B))

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES