

Regular Session, 1997

HOUSE BILL NO. 549

BY REPRESENTATIVES RIDDLE, A. ALEXANDER, CARTER, GUILLORY, MCCALLUM, THOMPSON, DOWNER, R. ALEXANDER, BARTON, BAYLOR, BOWLER, BRUCE, CLARKSON, COPELIN, CURTIS, DAMICO, DIEZ, DOERGE, DURAND, FAUCHEUX, FONTENOT, FRITH, FRUGE, GAUTREAUX, HILL, HOPKINS, HUDSON, HUNTER, ILES, KENNARD, KENNEY, LANDRIEU, MARIONNEAUX, MCCAIN, MCDONALD, MICHOT, MORRELL, MORRISH, PERKINS, PIERRE, PINAC, POWELL, PRATT, QUEZAIRE, SCHNEIDER, SHAW, JACK SMITH, THORNHILL, TRAVIS, VITTER, WALSWORTH, WELCH, WESTON, WIGGINS, WILKERSON, WILLARD-LEWIS, AND WINSTON AND SENATOR LANDRY

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article VIII, Section 16 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize the legislature to provide by law for the operation and management of public hospitals and their programs by the Board of Regents or by any board having powers of management over public institutions of higher education; to exclude certain institutions and programs from such authorization; to provide for legislative oversight; 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 VIII, Section 16 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§16. Public Hospitals

Section 16. Notwithstanding any provision of this Article to the contrary, the legislature may provide by law for the supervision, operation, and management of public hospitals and their programs by

the Board of Regents or by any board having powers of management over public institutions of higher education created by this constitution or pursuant to this Article. Such laws may include but shall not be limited to laws providing for the submission and approval of capital and operating budgets, appropriations and expenditures, the supervision, management, and oversight of the hospitals and their programs, and legislative review and disapproval of related rules. This Section shall not apply to institutions and programs operated or managed prior to January 1, 1997, by any higher education management board created by this Article.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the congressional primary election to be held in 1998.

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 the legislature to provide by law for the supervision of the operation and management of certain public hospitals and their programs which come under the management of a public higher education board created by the Louisiana Constitution. (Adds Article VIII, Section 16)

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE