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SENATE BILL NO. 295

BY SENATOR JORDAN

INTERGOVERN RELATIONS. Constitutional amendment to provide for state sovereignty.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article I, Section 25 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state sovereignty; to provide that the people of this state shall have the right to govern themselves as a sovereign state; to provide for related matters; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article I, Section 25 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§25. State Sovereignty

**Article I, Section 25 is all proposed new law.**

Section 25. The people of this state have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves as a free, sovereign, and independent state; and do, and forever hereafter shall, exercise and enjoy every

1 power, jurisdiction, and right, pertaining thereto, which is not, or may  
 2 not hereafter be, by them expressly delegated to the United States of  
 3 America in congress assembled.

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

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

11 To provide that the people of the state of Louisiana shall have  
 12 the right to govern themselves as a sovereign state. (Adds  
 13 Article I, Section 25)

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Yolanda Johnson Dixon.

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DIGEST

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the people of this state have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves as a free, sovereign, and independent state; and shall exercise and enjoy every power, jurisdiction, and right, which is not expressly delegated by the people to the United States of America in congress assembled.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the congressional primary election in 1998.

(Adds Const. Art. I, Sec. 25)