

Regular Session, 1999

HOUSE BILL NO. 641

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JURY DUTY: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides that persons who are seventy years of age or older are exempt from jury service, but may elect to serve as jurors if they meet the other qualifications for service as jurors

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article V, Section 33(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that persons who are seventy years of age or older are exempt from jury service and may decline to serve as jurors, but may elect to serve as jurors if they meet the other qualifications for service as jurors; 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 amend Article V, Section 33(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§33. Jurors

Section 33.

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CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1           (B) Exemptions. Persons who are seventy years of age or older  
2           shall be exempt from jury service and may decline to serve as jurors,  
3           but may elect to serve as jurors if they meet the other qualifications for  
4           service as jurors. The supreme court shall provide by rule for other  
5           grounds for the exemption of jurors.

6           Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be  
7           submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the gubernatorial primary  
8           election to be held in 1999.

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

13                 To provide that persons who are seventy years of age or older  
14                 shall be exempt from jury service and may decline to serve as  
15                 jurors, but may elect to serve as jurors if they meet the other  
16                 qualifications for service as a juror. (Amends Article V, Section  
17                 33(B))

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DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument.

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Present constitution requires the supreme court to provide by rule for exemptions from service on juries.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that persons who are 70 years of age or older shall be exempt from jury service and may decline to serve as jurors, but may elect to serve as jurors if they meet the other qualifications for service as a juror.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains the requirement that the supreme court provide by rule for other grounds for exemption from service on juries.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the gubernatorial primary election in 1999.

(Amends Const. Art. V, §33(B))