

Regular Session, 1999

HOUSE BILL NO. 641

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEBLANC, HEATON, DOWNER, FAUCHEUX,
TOOMY, WARNER, WELCH, BAUDOIN, HOPKINS, LONG,
THOMPSON, AND WALSWORTH AND SENATOR LANDRY

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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(B) Exemptions. Persons who are seventy 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 jurors. The supreme court shall provide by rule for other
grounds for the exemption of jurors.

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

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 provide that persons who are seventy 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. (Amends Article V, Section 33(B))

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE