

SENATE BILL NO. 303

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article I, Section 11 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the  
3 right to keep and bear arms; to provide that the right to keep and bear arms is a  
4 fundamental right; to provide for a strict scrutiny standard of review by the court;  
5 and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide  
6 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 I,  
10 Section 11 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

11 §11. Right to Keep and Bear Arms

12 Section 11. The right of each citizen to keep and bear arms **is fundamental**  
13 **and** shall not be ~~abridged~~ **infringed**, ~~but this provision shall not prevent the passage~~  
14 ~~of laws to prohibit the carrying of weapons concealed on the person.~~ **Any**  
15 **restriction on this right shall be subject to strict scrutiny.**

16 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
17 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,  
18 2012.

19 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election  
20 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted

1 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
2 follows:

3 Do you support an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana  
4 to provide that the right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right and any  
5 restriction of that right requires the highest standard of review by a court?  
6 (Amends Article I, Section 11)

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES