

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: (Constitutional Amendment) Authorizes any political subdivision to charge discount rates to certain residents of the political subdivision for utility services

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution of Louisiana and to add Article VII, Section 14(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize any political subdivision of the state to charge lower rates to certain residents of the political subdivision for utility services provided by the political subdivision; 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 I, Section 3 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§3. Right to Individual Dignity

Section 3. ~~No~~ Except as otherwise provided in Article VII, Section 14(F) of this constitution, no person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws. No law shall discriminate against a person because of race or religious ideas, beliefs, or affiliations. No law shall arbitrarily, capriciously, or unreasonably discriminate against a person because of birth, age, sex, culture, physical condition, or political ideas or affiliations. Slavery and involuntary servitude are prohibited, except in the latter case as punishment for crime.



Present constitution prohibits the loan, pledge, or donation of funds, credit, property, or things of value of the state or any political subdivision of the state. Provides an extensive list of exceptions to this prohibition.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and adds an exception for political subdivisions by authorizing them to charge lower rates to residents over the age of 65 than those charged to residents under the age of 65 for utility services provided by the political subdivision.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 6, 2018.

(Amends Const. Art I, §3; Adds Const. Art VII, §14(F))