

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 425

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ABORTION: (Constitutional Amendment) Stipulates that no provision of the constitution protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of abortion

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article I, Section 20.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that nothing in the constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion; 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 add Article I, Section 20.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§20.1. Abortion

Section 20.1. To protect human life, nothing in this constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 12, 2019.

1 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
2 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
3 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
4 follows:

5 Do you support an amendment declaring that, to protect human life, a right
6 to abortion and the funding of abortion shall not be found in the Louisiana
7 Constitution? (Adds Article I, Section 20.1)

8 Section 4. Purpose and intent. This measure concerns only the rights guaranteed by
9 the Constitution of Louisiana. It is not intended to alter any rights guaranteed by the United
10 States Constitution.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 425 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides that nothing in the La. Constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that, to protect human life, nothing in present constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 12, 2019.

(Adds Const. Art. I, §20.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Add that the proposed constitutional amendment shall be to protect human life.
2. Change the ballot language.
3. Change the date for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters from Nov. 16, 2019, to Oct. 12, 2019.