

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 435

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

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

LEGISLATORS: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides that the legislature shall provide by law for an independent compensation commission to examine, evaluate, and establish the compensation, benefits, and expense allowances for members of the legislature

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article III, Section 4(G) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to add Article III, Section 4(H) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to compensation, benefits, and expense allowances for members of the legislature; to provide for the creation of a compensation commission to examine, evaluate, and establish the compensation, benefits, and expense allowances for members of the legislature; to provide that the limitation on the effectiveness of salary increases applies to salaries established by the commission; 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 III, Section 4(G) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to add Article III, Section 4(H) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§4. Qualifications; Residence and Domicile Requirements; Term; Election Limitations; Vacancies; Temporary Successors; Compensation Commission; Salary  
Section 4.

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1           (G) Compensation Commission. The legislature shall provide by law for an  
2           independent compensation commission to examine, evaluate, and establish the  
3           compensation, benefits, and expense allowances for members of the legislature. The  
4           legislature shall make adequate annual appropriations to the independent  
5           compensation commission to enable the commission to fulfill its duties efficiently  
6           and effectively.

7           (H) Salary limitation. Any increase in salary of any member of the  
8           legislature shall not become effective until the commencement of the subsequent  
9           term for that office following the ~~adoption or enactment~~ establishment by the  
10          compensation commission of the increase.

11          Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
12          to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 12,  
13          2019.

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

18                   Do you support an amendment to require the legislature to provide by law for  
19                   an independent compensation commission to examine, evaluate, and  
20                   establish the compensation, benefits, and expense allowances for members  
21                   of the legislature and to provide that any salary increase established by the  
22                   commission shall not become effective until the beginning of the subsequent  
23                   term of office of the legislature following the increase? (Amends Article III,  
24                   Section 4(G); Adds Article III, Section 4(H))

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**DIGEST**

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HB 435 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires the legislature to provide by law for and adequately fund an independent compensation commission to examine, evaluate, and establish the compensation, benefits, and expense allowances for members of the legislature and provides that any salary increase established by the commission shall not become effective until the beginning of the subsequent term of office following the increase.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires the legislature to provide by law for an independent compensation commission to examine, evaluate, and establish the compensation, benefits, and expense allowances for members of the legislature. Requires the legislature to make adequate annual appropriations to the independent compensation commission to enable the commission to fulfill its duties efficiently and effectively.

Present constitution provides that any increase in salary of any member of the legislature shall not become effective until the commencement of the subsequent term for that office following the adoption or enactment of the increase.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides instead that the salary increase shall not become effective until the commencement of the subsequent term for the office following the establishment by the compensation commission of the increase.

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

(Amends Const. Art. III, §4(G); Adds Const. Art. III, §4(H))