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2 to do so.

3 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
4 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
5 2014.

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

10 Do you support an amendment to expand eligibility for the Medicaid
11 program in this state, as provided for in the Patient Protection and Affordable
12 Care Act, in a manner which may, at the discretion of the state Medicaid
13 agency, be conducted through a program allowing new beneficiaries to
14 purchase private insurance? (Adds Article XII, Section 8.2)

DIGEST

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HB No. 174

Abstract: Provides for the expansion of Medicaid income eligibility standards in conformance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and authorizes the expansion to be implemented in a manner that allows newly eligible beneficiaries to purchase private insurance.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides for the expansion of Medicaid eligibility standards in conformance with federal law. Authorizes the secretary of DHH to implement Medicaid expansion in a manner that is the same as or substantially similar to any expansion plan approved by the federal Medicaid agency which allows newly eligible beneficiaries to purchase private insurance. Further provides that the secretary of DHH may fix Medicaid income eligibility standards at levels greater than the minimum levels if authorized by law to do so.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 4, 2014.

(Adds Const. Art. XII, §8.2)