HEALTH CARE. Constitutional amendment to direct DHH to offer health insurance with essential health benefits to every legal resident of Louisiana whose income is at or below 138% of the federal poverty level. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))
The department shall make all necessary state Medicaid plan amendments or waiver applications to the federal government in order to access all federal funding available for the provision of health care services, including but not limited to funds available through The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148 and The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, Public Law 111-152, or any successors to these acts. The legislature shall annually appropriate the state and federal revenues necessary to fund this program to provide health insurance for this eligible population.

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 24, 2015.

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

Do you support an amendment that requires the Department of Health and Hospitals, beginning January 1, 2016, to administer a state program that gives every legal resident of Louisiana whose income is at or below 138% of the federal poverty level access to health insurance with essential health benefits, as provided by federal law and related health and regulations?

(Adds Article XII, Section 17)
not limited to funds available through the Affordable Care Act, or any successor to that act.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the legislature shall annually appropriate the state and federal revenues necessary to fund this program to provide health insurance for this eligible population.

Provides for submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on October 24, 2015.

(Adds Const. Art. XII, Sec. 17)