

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 186

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

CONSTITUTION/AMENDMENT: (Constitutional Amendment) Eliminates the involuntary servitude prohibition from the state constitution

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION
2 Proposing to amend Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the
3 prohibition of involuntary servitude; to remove the prohibition of involuntary
4 servitude; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
8 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
9 amend Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §3. Right to Individual Dignity
11 Section 3. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws. No
12 law shall discriminate against a person because of race or religious ideas, beliefs, or
13 affiliations. No law shall arbitrarily, capriciously, or unreasonably discriminate
14 against a person because of birth, age, sex, culture, physical condition, or political
15 ideas or affiliations. ~~Slavery and involuntary servitude are~~ is prohibited, ~~except in~~
16 ~~the latter case as punishment for crime.~~

17 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
18 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8,
19 2016.

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 to remove the prohibition of involuntary
6 servitude? (Amends Article I, Section 3)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the constitutional prohibition of involuntary servitude

Present constitution prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude, except in the latter case as punishment for crime.

Proposed constitutional amendment removes the prohibition of involuntary servitude.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2016.

(Amends Const. Art. 1, §3)