2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 462

## BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

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

DRUGS/CONTROLLED: (Constitutional Amendment) Authorizes local governing authorities to call an election for the purpose of allowing the sale, possession, distribution, and use of marijuana

1	A JOINT RESOLUTION			
2	Proposing to add Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize local			
3	governing authorities of the state to call an election for the purpose of authorizing			
4	the sale, possession, distribution, and use of marijuana; to provide for submission of			
5	the proposed amendment to the electors; and 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 add			
9	Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:			
10	<u>§17. Local Governing Authorities; Election on Marijuana</u>			
11	Section 17. Notwithstanding Article VI, Sections 4 and 5 of this constitution,			
12	a local governing authority may call an election for the purpose of authorizing the			
13	sale, possession, distribution, and use of marijuana within the jurisdiction of the			
14	governing authority.			
15	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted			
16	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 12,			
17	2019.			
18	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,			
19	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted			

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	to vote YES or	NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
2	follows:	
3		Do you support an amendment to provide that a local governing authority
4		may call an election to authorize the sale, possession, distribution, and use
5		of marijuana within its jurisdiction? (Adds Article XII, Section 17)

## DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes a local governing authority to call an election to authorize the sale, possession, distribution, and use of marijuana within its jurisdiction.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 40:966) provides for the regulation of controlled dangerous substances, and prohibits the possession, distribution, dispensing, or possession with intent to distribute or dispense marijuana.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> authorizes a local governing authority to call an election for the purpose of authorizing the sale, possession, distribution, and use of marijuana within the jurisdiction of the governing authority.

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

(Adds Art. XII, §17)