

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 425

2019 Regular Session

Jackson

ABORTION: (Constitutional Amendment) Stipulates that no provision of the constitution protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of abortion

DIGEST

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that, to protect human life, nothing in present constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.

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

Adds in purpose and intent that the people of Louisiana retain the right through their elected state representatives and state senators to enact, amend, or repeal statutes regarding abortion, including, but not limited to circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or termination of pregnancy to save the life of the mother.

(Adds Const. Art. I, §20.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Add that the proposed constitutional amendment shall be to protect human life.
2. Change the ballot language.
3. Change the date for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters from Nov. 16, 2019, to Oct. 12, 2019.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the engrossed bill

1. Adds language to purpose and intent.