

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 149

BY SENATOR HARRIS

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

ELECTION DAYS. Provides for a special election for submission of proposed constitutional amendments to the electors. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To provide for a special statewide election on the second Saturday in October of 2021 for the purpose of submitting constitutional amendments to the electors of the state; to provide for the conduct of such election; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. A special statewide election shall be held on the second Saturday in October of 2021 for the sole purpose of submitting to the electors of the state any proposed constitutional amendment as proposed by Joint Resolutions of the legislature enacted during any regular session of the legislature in 2021.

Section 2. The election for which provision is made in this Act shall be held in compliance with and subject to the applicable provisions of the election laws of the state.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

1 Section 4. This Act shall be void and of no effect if no proposed constitutional
2 amendment as contained in a joint resolution is concurred in by each house of the legislature
3 during the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature that specifies the special
4 statewide election provided in this Act as the statewide election at which the proposed
5 constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the electors.

The original instrument was prepared by Michael Bell. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Martha Hess.

DIGEST

SB 149 Reengrossed

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Harris

Proposed law provides for a special election to be held on the second Saturday in October of 2021 for the sole purpose of submitting to the electors of the state any proposed constitutional amendment as enacted during any regular session of the legislature in 2021.

Proposed law provides that it shall be void and of no effect if no proposed constitutional amendment as contained in a joint legislation is concurred in by each house of the legislature during the 2021 Regular Session that specifies the special statewide election in proposed law as the statewide election at which the proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the electors.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Removes provision that any proposed constitutional amendment can be enacted during a special session in 2021.
2. Removes providing for two election commissioners and two alternate commissioners at each precinct for the election.
3. Adds section stating that the Act shall be void and of no effect if no proposed constitutional amendment as contained in a joint legislation is concurred in by each house of the legislature during the 2021 Regular Session that specifies the special statewide election in the Act as the statewide election at which the proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the electors.