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SENATE BILL NO. 78

BY SENATOR MORRIS

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COURTS. Constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature, by law, to establish additional courts enacted by a two-thirds vote. (2/3 - CA12s1(A))

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2	Proposing to amend Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to judicial
3	power; to authorize the legislature, by a two-thirds vote of each house, to establish
4	new courts; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors;
5	and provide a ballot proposition.
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, for
8	their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article V,
9	Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
10	§1. Judicial Power
11	Section 1. The judicial power is vested in a supreme court, courts of appeal,
12	district courts, and other courts authorized by this Article, or as provided by a law
13	enacted by two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the
14	<u>legislature</u> .
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 November 5,
17	2024.

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 to authorize the legislature, by a two-thirds vote of each house, to create additional courts?

(Amends Article V, Section 1)

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jonathon Wagner.

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<u>Present constitution</u> provides that the judicial power is vested in a supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, and other courts authorized in the constitution.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> allows the legislature, by a 2/3rds vote of each house, to create additional courts.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. V, Sec. 1)

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