

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 225

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

GOVERNOR: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for gubernatorial term limits

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article IV, Section 3(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for the term limit for the office of the governor; to provide for a lifetime term limit; to provide that the limit is not limited to service in successive terms; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

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

§3. Election; Term

Section 3.

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(B) Limitation on Governor. A person who has served as governor for more than one and one-half terms ~~in two consecutive terms~~ shall not be elected governor ~~for the succeeding term.~~

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Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

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 provide that the limitation on gubernatorial  
6 terms is a lifetime limit? (Amends Article IV, Section 3(B))

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Places a lifetime term limit of two terms on a person who has served as governor.

Present constitution provides that a person who has served as governor for more than one and one-half terms in two consecutive terms shall not be elected governor for the succeeding term.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that a person who has served as governor for more than one and one-half terms shall not be elected governor.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, §3(B))