

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 77

BY SENATOR NEVERS

HEALTH CARE. Constitutional amendment to require the state to provide the opportunity to a legal resident, employed for the previous calendar year for at least one thousand hours, and whose income is below one hundred percent of the federal poverty level to participate in a state program that provides health insurance with essential benefits. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article I, Section 28 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to health insurance; to require the state provide the opportunity for certain residents to receive health insurance; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article I, Section 28 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

**§28. Health insurance**

**Section 28. Every person who is a legal resident of this state, was employed for the previous calendar year for at least one thousand hours, and whose income is below one hundred percent of the federal poverty level shall be provided the opportunity by the state to participate in a state program that provides health insurance with essential health benefits, as provided by federal law, with qualifications for such health insurance verified on an annual basis.**

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted

1 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,  
2 2014.

3 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election  
4 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
5 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
6 follows:

7 Do you support an amendment to provide every person who is a legal  
8 resident of this state, was employed for the previous calendar year for at least  
9 one thousand hours, and whose income is below one hundred percent of the  
10 federal poverty level shall be provided the opportunity by the state to  
11 participate in a state program that provides health insurance with essential  
12 health benefits, as provided by federal law, with qualifications for such  
13 health insurance verified on an annual basis?

14 (Adds Article I, Section 28)

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D Adams.

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#### DIGEST

Nevers (SB 77)

Proposed constitutional amendment to require that every person who is a legal resident of this state, was employed for the previous calendar year for at least 1,000 hours, and whose income is below 100 percent of the federal poverty level shall be provided the opportunity by the state to participate in a state program that provides health insurance with essential health benefits, as provided by federal law, with qualifications for such health insurance verified on an annual basis.

(Adds Const. Art. I, Sec. 28)