

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 240

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

HEALTH CARE: (Constitutional Amendment) Requires the state to provide to a legal resident employed for the previous calendar year for at least 1,000 hours and whose income is below 100% of the federal poverty level the opportunity to participate in a state program providing health insurance with essential benefits

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to add Article I, Section 28 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to health
3 insurance; to require the state to provide the opportunity for certain residents to
4 receive health insurance; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to
5 the electors; and to provide for related matters.

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

10 §28. Health Insurance

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

17 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
18 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
19 2014.

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 every person who is a legal
6 resident of this state, was employed for the previous calendar year for at least
7 one thousand hours, and whose income is below one hundred percent of the
8 federal poverty level shall be provided the opportunity by the state to
9 participate in a state program that provides health insurance with essential
10 health benefits, as provided by federal law, with qualifications for such
11 health insurance verified on an annual basis? (Adds Article I, Section 28)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the state to provide to a legal resident employed for the previous calendar year for at least 1,000 hours and whose income is below 100% of the federal poverty level the opportunity to participate in a state program providing health insurance with essential benefits.

Proposed constitutional amendment would 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 % of the federal poverty level be provided the opportunity by the state to participate in a state program providing health insurance with essential health benefits, as provided by federal law, with qualifications for such health insurance verified on an annual basis.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014.

(Adds Const. Art. I, §28)