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HOUSE BILL NO. 459

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BY REPRESENTATIVE DANAHAY

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides that the manner of appointment and qualifications of the registrar are to be provided by law

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide 3 relative to registrars of voters; to provide that the manner of appointment of 4 registrars is as provided by law; to require the qualifications for registrars to be 5 provided by law; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the 6 electors; and to provide for related matters. 7 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members 8 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of 9 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to 10 amend Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: 11 §5. Registrar of Voters 12 Section 5. The governing authority of each parish shall appoint a registrar 13 of voters, whose in the manner provided by law. The compensation, removal from 14 office for cause, bond, powers, qualifications, and functions of the registrar shall be 15 provided by law. Upon qualifying as a candidate for other public office, a registrar 16 shall forfeit his office. No law shall provide for the removal from office of a 17 registrar by the appointing authority. 18 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted 19 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8,

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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 manner of appointment for 6 the registrar of voters in each parish is as provided by law and to require the 7 qualifications of the registrar to be provided by law? (Amends Article XI, 8 Section 5)

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides that the manner of appointment for the registrar of voters is as provided by law and to require the qualifications of the registrar to be provided by law.

<u>Present constitution</u> (Art. XI, §5) provides that the governing authority of each parish shall appoint a registrar of voters, whose compensation, removal from office for cause, bond, powers, and functions shall be provided by law. Provides that upon qualifying as a candidate for other public office, a registrar shall forfeit his office. Provides further that no law shall provide for the removal from office of a registrar by the appointing authority.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> retains <u>present constitution</u>. Provides that the manner of appointment of the registrar is as provided by law. In addition, requires the qualifications of the registrar to be provided by law.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2016.

(Amends Const. Art. XI, §5)