2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 425

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ABORTION: (Constitutional Amendment) Stipulates that no provision of the constitution
protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of abortion

1   A JOINT RESOLUTION

2   Proposing to add Article I, Section 20.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that

3   nothing in the constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion

4   or require the funding of abortion; to provide for submission of the proposed

5   amendment to 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 20.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10   §20.1. Abortion

11   Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to

12   abortion or require the funding of abortion.

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

14   to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 16,

15   2019.

16   Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,

17   there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted

18   to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as

19   follows:

1   Do you support an amendment to add a provision to the Louisiana

2   Constitution stating that nothing in the constitution shall secure or protect a

3   right to abortion or require the funding of abortion? (Adds Article I, Section

4   20.1)

5   Section 4. Purpose and intent. This measure concerns only the rights guaranteed by

6 the Constitution of Louisiana. It is not intended to alter any rights guaranteed by the United

7 States Constitution.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that nothing in the La. Constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that nothing in present constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 16, 2019.

(Adds Const. Art. I, §20.1)

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