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2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 596

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BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

HEALTH CARE: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for rights of individuals to bodily autonomy and to make healthcare decisions

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to add Article I, Section 28 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that 3 Louisiana citizens have the right to bodily autonomy; to provide for submission of 4 the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters. 5 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 6 7 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to 8 amend Article I, Section 28 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: 9 §28. Right to Bodily Autonomy 10 Section 28. Notwithstanding any provision of law or this Constitution to the 11 contrary, each individual shall have the right to bodily autonomy, to make his own 12 healthcare decisions, and to be free to accept or refuse any health service or medical 13 testing, medical intervention, medical treatment, or vaccine based on his own 14 religious, philosophical, or personal beliefs. This Article shall not be construed to 15 conflict with Article I, Section 20.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana. 16 Section 2. Be it further resolved that the provision of the enactment contained in this 17 Joint Resolution shall become effective January 1, 2023. 18 Section 3. 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, 20 2022.

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

Do you support an amendment to provide that Louisiana citizens have the
right to accept or reject any form of medical treatment? (Effective January
1, 2023) (Adds Article I, Section 28)

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Adds the right of Louisiana citizens to bodily autonomy.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> adds the right to autonomy with respect to healthcare decisions.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> shall not be construed to conflict with Article I, Section 20.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 8, 2022.

Effective Jan. 1, 2023.

(Adds Const. Art. I, §28)