

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 192

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

PROPERTY/EXPROPRIATION: (Constitutional Amendment) Prohibits expropriation of property by foreign adversaries

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article I, Section 4(B)(4) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to
3 the right to property; to prohibit expropriation by foreign adversaries; to provide for
4 submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related
5 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
9 amend Article I, Section 4(B)(4) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §4. Right to Property

11 Section 4.

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13 (B)

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15 (4) Property shall not be taken or damaged by any private entity authorized
16 by law to expropriate, except for a public and necessary purpose and with just
17 compensation paid to the owner; in such proceedings, whether the purpose is public
18 and necessary shall be a judicial question. No private entity that is a foreign
19 adversary or an agent of a foreign adversary, as defined by law, shall take or damage
20 property.

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

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to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,

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2026.

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

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

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

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follows:

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Do you support an amendment to prohibit expropriation of property by a

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foreign adversary or an agent of a foreign adversary?

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(Amends Article I, Section 4(B)(4))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits expropriation of property by foreign adversaries or agents of a foreign adversary.

Present constitution requires expropriation by a private entity, authorized by law, to be for a public and necessary purpose and with just compensation paid to the owner. Public and necessary purpose is a judicial determination.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and adds a prohibition for expropriation by a private entity that is a foreign adversary or an agent of a foreign adversary.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. I, §4(B)(4))