

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 68

BY SENATOR MORRIS

COURTS. Constitutional amendment to provide for jurisdiction of the Louisiana Supreme Court. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article V, Section 5(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to jurisdiction of the Louisiana Supreme Court; to provide for disciplinary proceedings over attorneys from other jurisdictions concerning legal services in the state and over related unethical practices; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article V, Section 5(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§5. Supreme Court; Jurisdiction; Rule-Making Power; Assignment of Judges

Section 5.(A)

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(B) Original Jurisdiction. The supreme court has exclusive original jurisdiction of disciplinary proceedings against a member of the bar **and any lawyer who is specially admitted by a court of this state for a particular proceeding, or is not admitted in this state and practices law or renders or offers to render any**

legal services in this state, or is licensed in another state and owns or operates
a law firm within this state, or is not licensed in this state and has supervisory
authority over lawyers licensed in this state.

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Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on April 17, 2027, as authorized by law.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said 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 granting the Louisiana Supreme Court jurisdiction to discipline out-of-state lawyers for unethical legal practices in the state of Louisiana?

(Amends Article V, Section 5(B))

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present constitution (Const. Art. V, Sec. 5(B)) grants the supreme court exclusive original jurisdiction of disciplinary proceedings against a member of the bar.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution provision and further grants the supreme court original jurisdiction for disciplinary proceedings against any lawyer who is specially admitted by a court of this state for a particular proceeding, or is not admitted in this state and practices law or renders or offers to render any legal services in this state, or is licensed in another state and owns or operates a law firm within this state, or is not licensed in this state and has supervisory authority over lawyers licensed in this state.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on April 17, 2027, as authorized by law.

(Amends Const. Art. V, Sec. 5(B))