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SENATE BILL NO. 10

BY SENATOR PETERSON

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

HEALTH CARE. Constitutional amendment to direct DHH to offer health insurance with essential health benefits to every legal resident of Louisiana whose income is at or below 138% of the federal poverty level. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

A JOINT RESOLUTION 1 2 Proposing to add Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to access 3 to health care; to provide for a state-administered health insurance program providing essential health benefits for certain Louisiana residents; to provide for 4 5 certain eligibility requirements; to provide for accessing of federal funds; to provide 6 for annual legislative appropriation of certain funds; and to specify an election for 7 submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition. 8 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members 9 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for 10 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article XII, 11 Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: 12 §17. Access to health care 13 Section 17. Effective January 1, 2016, the Department of Health and 14 Hospitals shall administer a state program that makes available to every legal 15 resident of this state whose income is at or below one hundred thirty-eight percent of the federal poverty level access to health insurance with essential 16 health benefits, as provided by federal law and related rules and regulations. 17

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1	The department shall make all necessary state Medicaid plan amendments or
2	waiver applications to the federal government in order to access all federal
3	funding available for the provision of health care services, including but not
4	limited to funds available through The Patient Protection and Affordable Care
5	Act, Public Law 111-148 and The Health Care and Education Reconciliation
6	Act, Public Law 111-152, or any successors to these acts. The legislature shall
7	annually appropriate the state and federal revenues necessary to fund this
8	program to provide health insurance for this eligible population.
9	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
10	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 24,
11	2015.
12	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
13	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
14	to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
15	follows:
16	Do you support an amendment that requires the Department of Health and
17	Hospitals, beginning January 1, 2016, to administer a state program that
18	gives every legal resident of Louisiana whose income is at or below 138%
19	of the federal poverty level access to health insurance with essential health
20	benefits, as provided by federal law and related rules and regulations?
21	(Adds Article XII, Section 17)

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

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<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> directs the Department of Health and Hospitals, effective January 1, 2016, to administer a state program that makes available to every legal resident of this state whose income is at or below 138% of the federal poverty level access to health insurance with essential health benefits, as provided by federal law and related rules and regulations.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that the department shall make all necessary state Medicaid plan amendments or waiver applications to the federal government in order to access all federal funding available for the provision of health care services, including but

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<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that the legislature shall annually appropriate the state and federal revenues necessary to fund this program to provide health insurance for this eligible population.

Provides for submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on October 24, 2015.

(Adds Const. Art. XII, Sec. 17)