

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 119

BY SENATOR PERRY

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

LEGISLATION. Constitutional amendment to limit the number of constitutional amendments that may appear on a ballot. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article XIII, Section 1(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to constitutional amendments; to provide for submission of amendments to the electorate; to limit the number of constitutional amendments that may be presented per election; 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 XIII, Section 1(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§1. Amendments

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(B) Form of Proposal. A proposed amendment shall have a title containing a brief summary of the changes proposed; shall be confined to one object; and shall set forth the entire article, or the sections or other subdivisions thereof, as proposed to be revised or only the article, sections, or other subdivisions proposed to be added.

However, the legislature may propose, as one amendment, a revision of an entire

1 article of this constitution which may contain multiple objects or changes. A section
 2 or other subdivision may be repealed by reference. When more than one amendment
 3 is submitted at the same election, each shall be submitted so as to enable the electors
 4 to vote on them separately. **However, no more than five proposed amendments**
 5 **shall be presented to the electorate per election.**

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7 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 8 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 24,
 9 2015.

10 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
 11 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
 12 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
 13 follows:

14 Do you support an amendment to limit the number of proposed constitutional
 15 amendments that may be presented per election to five?
 16 (Amends Article XIII, Section 1(B))

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley E. Menou.

DIGEST

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Present constitution gives the legislature the power to propose amendments to the
 constitution that are submitted to the electorate for ratification.

Proposed constitutional amendment limits the number of proposed constitutional
 amendments that can be presented per election to five.

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

(Amends Const. Art. XIII, Section 1(B))