

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 311

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

CONSTITUTION/AMENDMENT: (Constitutional Amendment) Prohibits the use of monies from a foreign government or nongovernmental source to fund elections

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article XI, Section 6 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to generally prohibit the use of funds and resources from a foreign government or a nongovernmental source for the conduct of elections and for the functions and duties established in the election code except under specified circumstances; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

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 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article XI, Section 6 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§6. Use of Monies, Goods, or Services for Conduct of Elections; Prohibitions

Section 6. No funds, goods, or services donated by a foreign government or a nongovernmental source shall be used to conduct elections unless provided for in the election code and subject to restrictions provided by general law.

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 October 14, 2023.

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

5 Do you support an amendment to prohibit the use of funds, goods, or services
6 from a foreign government or a nongovernmental source to conduct elections
7 and election functions and duties unless the use is authorized by the secretary
8 of state through policies established in accordance with law? (Adds Article
9 XI, Section 6)

DIGEST

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HB 311 Re-Reengrossed

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Abstract: Prohibits the use of funds and resources from a foreign government or a nongovernmental source for the conduct of elections unless provided for in the election code and subject to restrictions provided by general law.

Present constitution provides that the legislature shall adopt an election code providing for the permanent registration of voters and for the conduct of all elections.

Proposed constitutional amendment prohibits the use of funds and resources from a foreign government or a nongovernmental source for the conduct of elections unless provided for in the election code and subject to restrictions provided by general law.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 14, 2023.

(Adds Const. Art. XI, §6)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the engrossed bill:

1. Change ballot language.

The House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill:

1. Remove the prohibition applicable to the use of the funds for any function or duty established in the election code.
2. Remove provisions authorizing exceptions by law and use authorized by the secretary of state in accordance with policies established in accordance with law.

3. Provide that the use of the funds is prohibited unless provided for in the election code and subject to the restrictions provided by general law.