

ACT No. 874

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HOUSE BILL NO. 341

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article IV, Section 1(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to organization of the executive branch of state government; to provide for the maximum number of departments in the executive branch of state government; 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 amend Article IV, Section 1(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§1. Composition; Number of Departments; Reorganization

Section 1.

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(B) Number of Departments. Except for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, all offices, agencies, and other instrumentalities of the executive branch and their functions, powers, duties, and responsibilities shall be allocated according to function within not more than ~~twenty~~ twenty-one departments. Except that no department may be created that has the powers, duties, and functions to perform or administer programs or services which are historically performed or administered by any other agency, office, or department of the state. The powers, functions, and duties allocated by this constitution to any executive office or

1 commission shall not be affected or diminished by the allocation provided herein
2 except as authorized by Section 20 of this Article.

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4 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
5 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
6 2014.

7 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed constitutional amendment shall
8 not become effective until funding is provided by the legislature, but no sooner than June
9 12, 2015.

10 Section 4. Be it further resolved that the department created by this amendment shall
11 be able to use federal funding under the provisions of Title 19.

12 Section 5. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the 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 to change the maximum number of
17 departments in the executive branch of state government from twenty to
18 twenty-one? (Amends Article IV, Section 1(B))

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE