

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS: (Constitutional Amendment) Removes the ability for the legislature to opt out of a veto session

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article III, Section 18(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to remove
3 the provision that allows a majority of the elected members of either house of the
4 legislature to declare a veto session unnecessary; to provide for submission of the
5 proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
8 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
9 amend Article III, Section 18(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §18. Gubernatorial Action on Bills; Sign, Failure to Sign, Veto; Veto Session

11 Section 18.

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13 (C) Veto Session. ~~(H)~~ A bill vetoed and returned and subsequently approved
14 by two-thirds of the elected members of each house shall become law. The
15 legislature shall meet in veto session in the state capital at noon on the fortieth day
16 following final adjournment of the most recent session, to consider all bills vetoed
17 by the governor. If the fortieth day falls on Sunday, the session shall convene at
18 noon on the succeeding Monday. No veto session shall exceed five calendar days,
19 and any veto session may be finally adjourned prior to the end of the fifth day upon
20 a vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house.

Present constitution provides however that no veto session shall be held if a majority of the elected members of either house declare in writing that a veto session is unnecessary. The declaration must be received by the presiding officer of the respective houses at least five days prior to the day on which the veto session is to convene. Proposed constitutional amendment removes this provision and otherwise retains present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2016.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §18(C))