SLS 19RS-295 **ENGROSSED**

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 112

BY SENATORS CLAITOR AND MORRELL AND REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

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

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Constitutional amendment to abolish the death penalty.
(2/3 - CA13s1(A))

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article I, Section 28 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to capital punishment; to abolish the death penalty as punishment for any offense committed on or after January 1, 2021; and to specify an election for the submission of the proposition to electors and to 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 add Article I, Section 28 of the Constitution of Louisiana to read as follows:

§28. Capital punishment prohibited

No law shall subject any person to the death penalty as punishment for any offense committed on or after January 1, 2021.

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 November 3, 2020.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted

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to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to abolish the death penalty as a punishment for any offense committed on or after January 1, 2021?

(Adds Article I, Section 28)

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement Jr.

DIGEST

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Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the death penalty is abolished as a punishment for any offense committed on or after 1/1/21.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on 11/3/20 and provides a ballot proposition.

(Adds Const. Art. I, Sec. 28)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Change date after which proposed constitutional amendment would apply from 1/1/20 to 1/1/21.

2. Change date on which proposed constitutional amendment will be submitted to voters from 11/16/19 to 11/3/20.

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