

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 178

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

COURTS. Constitutional amendment to provide for statewide districts and election of the chief justice for the Louisiana Supreme Court. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article V, Section 3 and Section 6 of the Constitution of Louisiana and to repeal Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the supreme court; to provide for statewide election of justices; to repeal supreme court district configurations; to provide for selection of the chief justice; 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 V, Section 3 and Section 6 and to repeal Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§3. Supreme Court; Composition; Judgments; **Elections**; Terms

Section 3. The supreme court shall be composed of a chief justice and six associate justices, four of whom must concur to render judgment. ~~The term of a supreme court judge shall be ten years.~~ **Each justice shall be elected for a term of ten years by the electors of the state.**

Proposed provides that the chief justice shall be selected by a majority vote of the justices.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. V, Sec. 3 and Sec. 6; repeals Const. Art. V, Sec. 4)