

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 33

BY SENATOR MORRELL

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Constitutional amendment to prohibit a person appointed by the governor to fill a vacancy in a statewide office from being a candidate for that office in the election to fill the vacancy. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article IV, Section 15 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the
3 office of lieutenant governor; to provide that the person appointed by the governor
4 to fill a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor shall be ineligible as a candidate
5 at the subsequent election to fill that vacancy; to specify an election for submission
6 of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

7 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
8 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for
9 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article IV,
10 Section 15 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

11 §15. Vacancy in Office of Lieutenant Governor

12 Section 15. Should a vacancy occur in the office of lieutenant governor, the
13 governor shall nominate a lieutenant governor, who shall take office upon
14 confirmation by a majority vote of the elected members of each house of the
15 legislature. If the unexpired term exceeds one year, such person shall serve as
16 lieutenant governor only until the office is filled as provided in Section 16(B) of this
17 Article. **Such person shall be ineligible as a candidate at the election to fill the**

1 **vacancy.**

2 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
3 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 2,
4 2010.

5 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
6 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
7 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
8 read as follows:

9 To prohibit a person appointed by the governor to fill a vacancy in the office
10 of lieutenant governor from being a candidate at the election to fill that
11 vacancy. (Amends Article IV, Section 15)

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

DIGEST

Present constitution provides that if a vacancy occurs in the office of lieutenant governor, then the governor is to nominate a lieutenant governor who is to take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Present constitution further provides that if the unexpired term exceeds one year, then such person is to serve as lieutenant governor only until the office is filled as provided in present constitution.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that such person nominated and confirmed to fill the vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor cannot be a candidate at the subsequent election to fill that vacancy.

Specifies submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 2, 2010.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, Sec. 15)