

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 78

BY SENATOR MORRIS

COURTS. Constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature, by law, to establish additional courts enacted by a two-thirds vote. (2/3 - CA12s1(A))

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to judicial power; to authorize the legislature, by a two-thirds vote of each house, to establish new courts; 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 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§1. Judicial Power

Section 1. The judicial power is vested in a supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, ~~and~~ other courts authorized by this Article, **or as provided by a law enacted by two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.**

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 5, 2024.

1 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
2 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
3 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
4 follows:

5 Do you support an amendment to authorize the legislature, by a two-thirds
6 vote of each house, to create additional courts?

7 (Amends Article V, Section 1)

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jonathon Wagner.

DIGEST

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Present constitution provides that the judicial power is vested in a supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, and other courts authorized in the constitution.

Proposed constitutional amendment allows the legislature, by a 2/3rds vote of each house, to create additional courts.

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

(Amends Const. Art. V, Sec. 1)