

Regular Session, 2004

SENATE BILL NO. 114

BY SENATOR JONES

LEGISLATORS. Constitutional amendment to repeal provisions which limit the number of consecutive terms a person may serve as a member of the Senate or the House of Representatives. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to repeal Article III, Section 4(E) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the  
3 terms of office of legislators; to eliminate provisions which limit the number of  
4 consecutive terms a member of the Senate may serve in the Senate; to eliminate  
5 provisions which limit the number of consecutive terms a member of the House of  
6 Representatives may serve in the House of Representatives; and to specify an election  
7 for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

8 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members  
9 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for  
10 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to repeal Article III,  
11 Section 4(E) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

12 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
13 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the election to be held on November 2, 2004.

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

1                   To repeal provisions which limit the number of consecutive terms a person  
2                   may serve as a member of the Senate or as a member of the House of  
3                   Representatives. (Repeals Article III, Section 4(E))

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tabitha Irvin-Gray.

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DIGEST

Present constitution prohibits a person who has been elected to serve as a member of the Senate for more than 2½ terms in three consecutive terms from being elected to the Senate for the succeeding term. Prohibits a person who has been elected to serve as a member of the House of Representatives for more than 2½ terms in three consecutive terms from being elected to the House of Representatives for the succeeding term. Limitation applies only when such service was during a term that began on or after January 8, 1996.

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals these provisions.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the election to be held on November 2, 2004.

(Repeals Const. Art. III, Section 4(E))