2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 157

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

STATE OFFICIALS: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for a term limitation on all statewide elected officials

1　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　A JOINT RESOLUTION

2　Proposing to amend Article IV, Section 3(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to

3　　　　　term limitations on statewide elected officials; to provide a limit of two consecutive

4　　　　　terms for all statewide elected officials; to provide for submission of the proposed

5　　　　　amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

6　　　　　Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members

7　elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of

8　Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to

9　amend Article IV, Section 3(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10　　　　　§3. Election; Term

11　　　　　Section 3.

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13　　　　　　　(B) Term Limitation ~~on Governor~~. A person whose term for statewide office

14　　　　　begins on or after January 8, 2024, and who has served ~~as governor~~ in the same

15　　　　　statewide office for more than one and one-half terms in two consecutive terms shall

16　　　　　not be elected ~~governor~~ to the same statewide office for the succeeding term.

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18　　　　　Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted

19　to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 5,

20　2024.

1   Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the 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 provide for term limits for all statewide

6   elected officials? (Amends Article IV, Section 3(B))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides a limit of two consecutive terms for all statewide elected officials.

Present constitution (Const. Art. IV, §3(A)) provides that the governor, lieutenant governor,
secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of
insurance, superintendent of education, and commissioner of elections shall be elected for
a term of four years by the electors of the state. Proposed constitutional amendment retains
present constitution.

Present constitution (Const. Art. IV, §20) provides that the legislature may provide for the
appointment, in lieu of election, of the superintendent of education and commissioner of
elections, which appointment is provided for in present law (R.S. 18:18(B) and R.S.
17:21(C)).   Present constitution also provides that the legislature may provide for
appointment, in lieu of election, of the commissioner of agriculture and the commissioner
of insurance. Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and present
law.

Present constitution provides that a person who has served as governor for more than one
and one-half terms in two consecutive terms shall not be elected governor for the succeeding
term.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and further provides that a
person who has served in the same statewide office for more than one and one-half terms in
two consecutive terms shall not be elected to the same statewide office for the succeeding
term.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election
to be held Nov. 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, Section 3(B))