

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAY MORRIS

CIVIL SERVICE: (Constitutional Amendment) Authorizes the legislature to provide by law for the qualifications and compensation, including reductions in pay, of classified civil servants whose compensation exceeds a certain amount

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to add Article X, Section 10(A)(1)(c) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to  
3 authorize the legislature to provide by law for certain classified employees; to  
4 provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide  
5 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 add  
9 Article X, Section 10(A)(1)(c) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §10. Rules; Investigations; Wages and Hours

11 Section 10.(A) Rules. (1) Powers.

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13 (c) Nothing in this Section shall prevent the legislature from providing by  
14 law relative to the qualifications and compensation, including reductions in pay, of  
15 classified state employees who receive compensation of seventy-five thousand  
16 dollars or more annually.

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1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8,  
3 2016.

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

8 Do you support an amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by law  
9 for the qualifications and compensation, including reductions in pay, of  
10 classified state employees who receive compensation of seventy-five  
11 thousand dollars or more annually? (Adds Article X, Section 10(A)(1)(c))

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the legislature to provide by law relative to the qualifications and compensation, including reductions in pay, of classified state employees who receive compensation of \$75,000 or more annually.

Present constitution vests state and city civil service commissions with broad and general rulemaking and subpoena powers for the administration and regulation of the classified service, including the power to adopt rules regulating employment, promotion, demotion, suspension, reduction in pay, removal, certification, qualifications, political activities, employment conditions, compensation and disbursements to employees, and other personnel matters and transactions and to adopt a uniform pay and classification plan for classified employees.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution but authorizes the legislature to provide by law relative to the qualifications and compensation, including reductions in pay, of classified state employees who receive compensation of \$75,000 or more annually.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2016.

(Adds Const. Art. X, §10(A)(1)(c))