2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 229

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

EMPLOYMENT/WAGES-MINIMUM: (Constitutional Amendment) Establishes a state minimum wage

1	A JOINT RESOLUTION
2	Proposing to add Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to a state
3	minimum wage; to establish a state minimum wage; to provide a minimum amount
4	for the minimum wage; to provide that the legislature may enact a higher minimum
5	wage; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to
6	provide for related matters.
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 of
9	Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add
10	Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
11	<u>§17. Establishment of a state minimum wage</u>
12	Section 17. A state minimum wage is established and shall be eleven dollars
13	and sixty-five cents per hour. If the legislature enacts legislation which establishes
14	a minimum wage that is higher than the minimum wage established by this Article,
15	the state minimum wage shall be increased to the amount of the higher wage. If the
16	federal minimum wage set by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 is
17	increased to a rate that is higher than the established state minimum wage, the
18	legislature may enact legislation establishing an identical or higher minimum wage.

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	2022.
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 establish a state minimum wage of eleven
9	dollars and sixty-five cents per hour? (Effective July 1, 2023) (Adds Article
10	XII, Section 17)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a state minimum wage of \$11.65 per hour.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> establishes a state minimum wage and provides that it shall be \$11.65 per hour.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the legislature may enact a minimum wage</u> rate that is higher than the established minimum wage rate, and if so, the higher minimum wage rate shall be used.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment provides that if the federal minimum wage set by federal</u> law is increased to a rate that is higher than the state's minimum wage, the legislature may enact legislation establishing an identical or higher minimum wage rate.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 8, 2022.

Effective July 1, 2023.

(Adds Const. Art. XII §17)