

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 248

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

PUBLIC PRINTING: (Constitutional Amendment) Eliminates requirement that the Acts of the legislature be published in the official journal of the state

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article III, Section 19 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to remove the
3 requirement that laws be published in the official journal of the state after enactment;
4 to 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
9 amend Article III, Section 19 of the Constitution of Louisiana:

10 A. Should the Constitutional Amendment proposed by Acts 2009, No. 537, be
11 adopted on October 2, 2010, the proposition submitted to the electors on November 2, 2010,
12 shall read as follows:

13 §19. Effective Date of Laws

14 Section 19. All laws enacted during a regular session of the legislature shall
15 take effect on August first of the calendar year in which the regular session is held
16 and all laws enacted during an extraordinary session of the legislature shall take
17 effect on the sixtieth day after final adjournment of the extraordinary session in
18 which they were enacted. ~~All laws shall be published prior thereto in the official~~
19 ~~journal of the state as provided by law.~~ However, any bill may specify an earlier or
20 later effective date.

1 B. Should the Constitutional Amendment proposed by Acts 2009, No. 537, be
2 rejected by the voters on October 2, 2010, the proposition submitted to the electors on
3 November 2, 2010, shall read as follows:

4 §19. Effective Date of Laws

5 Section 19. All laws enacted during a regular session of the legislature shall
6 take effect on August fifteenth of the calendar year in which the regular session is
7 held and all laws enacted during an extraordinary session of the legislature shall take
8 effect on the sixtieth day after final adjournment of the extraordinary session in
9 which they were enacted. ~~All laws shall be published prior thereto in the official~~
10 ~~journal of the state as provided by law.~~ However, any bill may specify an earlier or
11 later effective date.

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 statewide election to be held on November 2,
14 2010.

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

19 To remove the requirement that Acts of each legislative session be published
20 in the official journal of the state. (Amends Article III, Section 19)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the requirement that Acts of the legislature be published in the official journal of the state.

Present constitution provides for the effective date of laws passed in each legislative session.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution further provides that prior to the effective date of any law passed by the legislature, the law must be published in the official journal of the state. Proposed constitutional amendment removes this requirement.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 2, 2010.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §19)