

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 801

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERT

JUDGES/SUPREME COURT: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides that the term of office for justices of the supreme court is six years

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to reduce the term
3 of office of a supreme court judge; to provide for submission of the proposed
4 amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

5 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
6 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
7 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
8 amend Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

9 §3. Supreme Court; Composition; Judgments; Terms

10 Section 3.(A) Composition; Judgments. The supreme court shall be
11 composed of a chief justice and six associate justices, four of whom must concur to
12 render judgment.

13 (B) Terms. (1) The term of a supreme court judge shall be ten years.

14 (2) The term of a supreme court judge sworn into office on and after January
15 1, 2012, shall be six years.

16 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
17 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 2,
18 2010.

19 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
20 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted

1 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
2 read as follows:

3 To reduce the term of a supreme court judge sworn into office on and after
4 January 1, 2012, from ten years to six years. (Amends Article V, Section 3)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Reduces the term of a court of appeal judge sworn into office on and after Jan. 1, 2012, from 10 to six years.

Present constitution provides that the term of a supreme court judge shall be 10 years.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and provides that the term of a supreme court judge sworn into office on and after Jan. 1, 2012, shall be six years.

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

(Amends Const. Art. V, §3)