

1 WHEREAS, the constitution contains many provisions that prohibit or restrict the
2 legislature in effectively addressing state and constituent needs, and also includes extensive
3 provisions that are so detailed as to be statutory rather than constitutional in nature and, as
4 a result, require further constitutional amendment when any change is needed; and

5 WHEREAS, a serious analysis of the state constitution is necessary to address the
6 state's critical needs; to undertake an in-depth consideration of reform proposals; and to craft
7 provisions that allow for flexibility and innovation in legislative solutions to problems of the
8 present and the future, and the standing committees of the legislature are uniquely positioned
9 to recognize issues and recommend appropriate and necessary revisions.

10 THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests each standing committee of
11 each house of the legislature to meet and function as a joint committee with the standing
12 committee of the other house which has a substantially similar subject matter jurisdiction to
13 study the provisions of the Constitution of Louisiana within the jurisdiction of the joint
14 committee, to report its activities regarding those provisions, and to include in such report
15 its analysis of those provisions to the legislature, not later than March 15, 2023.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request
17 each joint committee to specifically include in its report all of the following information:

18 (1) Identification of the provisions of the constitution within its purview that
19 constitute fundamental law.

20 (2) Identification of language in the provisions of the constitution within its purview
21 that is not considered fundamental law and that either from a best practice or comparative
22 perspective is unusual for a constitution or is most commonly statutory in nature.

23 (3) Identification of language in the provisions of the constitution within its purview
24 that is legally unnecessary, redundant, or obsolete.

25 (4) Identification of language in the provisions of the constitution within its purview
26 that is transitional in nature and which should either be removed or updated.

27 (5) Identification of language in the provisions of the constitution within its purview
28 that, from an organizational or structural perspective, should either be placed elsewhere in
29 the constitution or reworded.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request
2 the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate to jointly review
3 and assign each provision of the Constitution of Louisiana to the appropriate joint committee
4 or committees not later than fifteen days after the final approval of this request.

DIGEST

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