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SENATE BILL NO. 102

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LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Constitutional Amendment to provide with respect to the election of the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article III, Section 7(C), relative to the election of officers of the Senate
3 and the House of Representatives; to provide for the election of the president and
4 president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker and speaker pro tempore of the
5 House of Representatives; and to specify an election for submission of the
6 proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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, for
9 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article III,
10 Section 7(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

11 ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

12 §7. Judging Qualifications and Elections; Procedural Rules; Discipline; Expulsion;

13 Subpoenas; Contempt; Officers

14 Section 7.(A) * * *

15 (C) Officers. Each house shall choose its officers, including a permanent
16 presiding officer selected from its membership, **in accordance with the rules**
17 **adopted by each house and the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of**

1 **Representatives**. The presiding officers shall be the president of the Senate and the
2 speaker of the House of Representatives. **The selection of the president and**
3 **president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker and speaker pro tempore**
4 **of the House of Representatives shall be by confidential ballot.** The clerical
5 officers shall be the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the
6 Senate, each of whom may administer oaths.

7 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
8 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 2,
9 2010.

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

14 To provide for the election of the president and president pro tempore of the
15 Senate and the speaker and speaker pro tempore of the House of
16 Representatives by confidential ballot. (Amends Article III, Section 7(C))

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

DIGEST

Present constitution provides that each house of the legislature is to choose its officers,
including a permanent presiding officer selected from its membership.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution, and specifies that each
house of the legislature is to choose its officers, including a permanent presiding officer
selected from its membership in accordance with the rules adopted by each house.

Proposed constitutional amendment further provides that the selection of the president and
president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker and speaker pro tempore of the House
of Representatives is to be made by confidential ballot.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on
November 2, 2010.

(Amends Const. Art. III, Sec. 7(C))