

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 431

BY SENATOR HEBERT

CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Provides for the distribution of excess campaign contributions among other candidates in the election. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to add Article XI, Section 6 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to campaign
3 finance; to provide that fifty percent of all campaign contributions received by a
4 candidate for governor, major office other than governor, state senator, state
5 representative, United States senator, and United States representative, that are in
6 excess of the amounts established by law are to be equally distributed among all
7 other candidates qualified in the election; and to specify an election for submission
8 of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

9 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
10 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for
11 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article XI,
12 Section 6 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

13 ARTICLE XI. ELECTIONS

14 **§6. Excess Campaign Contributions**

15 **Section 6. Fifty percent of all campaign contributions from whatever**
16 **source received by a candidate for any of the following offices that are in excess**
17 **of the following amounts shall be equally distributed among all other candidates**

1 **qualified in the election in the manner provided by law:**

2 **(A) Governor - one million dollars.**

3 **(B) United States senator - one million dollars.**

4 **(C) Major office, other than governor - five hundred thousand dollars.**

5 **(D) United States congressman - five hundred thousand dollars.**

6 **(E) State senator - one hundred fifty thousand dollars.**

7 **(F) State representative - fifty thousand dollars.**

8 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
9 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 2,
10 2010.

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

15 Provides that fifty percent of all campaign contributions received by a
16 candidate for the following offices that are in excess of the following
17 amounts shall be equally distributed among all other candidates qualified in
18 the election: governor, \$1,000,000; major statewide office other than
19 governor, \$500,000; state senator, \$150,000; state representative, \$50,000;
20 United States senator, \$1,000,000, United States congressman, \$500,000.

21 (Adds Article XI, Section 6)

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

DIGEST

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that 50% of all campaign contributions from whatever source received by a candidate for the following offices that are in excess of the following amounts are to be equally distributed among all other candidates qualified in the election:

1. Governor - \$1,000,000.
2. United States senator - \$1,000,000.
3. Major office, other than governor - \$500,000.

4. United States congressman - \$500,000.
5. State senator - \$150,000.
6. State representative - \$50,000 in the manner provided by law.

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

(Adds Art. XI, Sec. 6)