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23 ELECTIONS

La. R.S. 18:431

La. R.S. 18:552

After editing, the Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments are compliant with Louisiana law and approved for printing and distribution.

Dear Secretary Landry:

We received your request for expedited review and approval from our office of the Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

The Attorney General's approval of this form is required by La R.S. 18:431 and 18:552. We have reviewed the document, and it is the opinion of this office that the form requires the following revisions to questions number one & three to better reflect the language of Act 405 & Act 407 respectively from the 2024 regular session:

1. Do you support an amendment to add malfeasance in office as grounds for sanctions against a judge and to further:

- (1) allow the Supreme Court to sanction a judge upon an investigation by the judiciary commission;
- (2) provide that the recommended sanction shall be instituted by the judiciary commission or by a majority of the Supreme Court;
- (3) provide for the appointment of five additional members of the judiciary commission to consist of two by Louisiana House of Representatives, two of the president of the Louisiana Senate and one by the Governor; and
- (4) allow the Supreme Court, after investigation (instituted on recommendation by the judiciary commission or by directive of majority of the supreme court) by the Judiciary commission to retire involuntarily a judge for disability that interferes with the performance of his duties? (Amends Article V, Section 25(C); adds Article V, Section 25(A)(4)).

3. Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to extend a regular session in increments of two days up to a maximum of six days if necessary to pass a bill appropriating money, by a favorable record vote of two-thirds of each house? (Amends Article III, Sections 2(A)(3)(a) and (4)(a); Adds Article III, Section 2(A)(5)).

Once these changes are made, the Constitutional Amendments are approved for printing and distribution.

We hope that this opinion has adequately addressed the legal issues you have raised. If our office can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best regards,

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