

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Session of 1912

ACT NO. 24.

House Bill No. 61 By Mr. Edwards. JOINT RESOLUTION. Providing an amendment to Section 5 of Article 197 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana; relative to registration of voters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds (2-3) of the members elected to each House concurring, that Section 5 of Article 197 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be so amended as to read as follows:

Section 5. No male person who was on January 1st, 1867, or at any date prior thereto, entitled to vote under the Constitution or statutes of any State in the United States, wherein he then resided, and no son or grandson of any such person, not less than 21 years of age on the 1st day of May, 1912, and no male person of foreign birth, who was naturalized prior to the 1st day of January, 1898, shall be denied the right to register and vote in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational or property qualifications prescribed by this Constitution, provided he shall have resided in this State for the year next preceding the date at which he shall apply for registration and shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this Article prior to September 1st, 1913, and no person shall be entitled to register under this section after said date.

Every person claiming the benefit of this section shall make application to the proper registration officer or his deputy for registration, and he shall make oath before such registration officer or his deputy in the form following:

I am a citizen of the United States and of this State, over the age of twenty-one years; I have resided in this State for five years next preceding this date. I was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ entitled to vote under the Constitution or Statutes of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ wherein I then resided, (or I am the son or grandson of \_\_\_\_\_ who was, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ entitled to vote under the Constitution or Statutes of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ wherein he then resided) and I desire to avail myself of the privileges conferred by Section 5 of Article 197 of the Constitution of this State. Certificates of registration shall be given to persons registering on durable paper, and consecutively marked on the permanent register. A separate registration of voters applying under this Section shall be made by the registration officer of every parish, for this purpose the registration officer of every parish shall keep his office open daily, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, until August 31, 1913, inclusive, from 8 o'clock a. m. until 1 o'clock p. m. and from 2 o'clock p. m. until 6 o'clock p. m.

The registration of voters under this Section shall close on the 31 day of August, 1913, and immediately thereafter the registration officer of every parish shall make a sworn copy in duplicate of the list of persons registered under this section, showing, in detail, whether the applicant registered as a voter on the basis of prior thereto, or as a son of such voter or as the grandson of such voter, and deposit one of said duplicates in the office of the Secretary of State, to be by him recorded and preserved as a part of the permanent records of his office, and the other of the said duplicates shall be by him filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the parish, and, in the parish of Orleans in the office of the Recorder of Mortgages there to remain a permanent record; provided, that, upon the permanent register of all persons registered under this section, the registration officer shall note in the top of column the age and color of the applicant, and under the head of remarks all distinguishing physical characteristics of the applicant, such as height, size, color of the hair and eyes.

All persons whose names appear on said registration list shall be admitted to register for all the elections in this State without possessing the educational or property qualifications prescribed by this Constitution, unless otherwise disqualified, and all persons who do not by personal application exemption from the provisions of Section 3 and 4 of this Article before September 1, 1913, shall be forever denied the right to do so.

The names of the persons registering under and claiming the benefits of this section shall be entered in a well bound book, to be provided by each parish, for that purpose, and shall be known as the permanent register. Immediately on closing the registration under this section, on August 31, 1913, it shall be the duty of the registration officer or his deputy in the different parishes throughout the State, to make a sworn statement, in writing, of the number of voters, both white and colored, with the number of each, who have registered, and whose names appear on said permanent register herein provided for, and such sworn statement shall be published in the official journal or other newspaper published in the parish in the next issue appearing after said date, the cost of the same to be paid by the parish. Any registration officer violating the provisions of this section or failing to comply with the provisions hereof, or shall make a false or incorrect statement of the number of voters registered under this section, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not exceeding one year.

The manner in which the names of persons whose names appear on said registration list shall hereafter reg-

ister may be different from that required of persons registered under other sections of this Article, and shall be as now provided or hereafter provided by law; and the remedy and proceedings whereby, subsequently to the close of said registration, on August 31, 1913, the names of any persons who may have obtained registration under this section by false statement of facts or other fraud, shall be stricken from said roll, shall be as now provided or hereafter provided by law.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection at the Congressional election to be held in November, 1912.

Section 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That on the official ballots to be used at such election there shall be printed the words: "For the proposed amendment of Section 5 of Article 197 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to registration of voters," and the words:

"Against the proposed amendment to Section 5 of Article 197 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to registration of voters," and each elector shall indicate, as provided by the general election laws of this State, whether he votes for or against the proposed amendment.

L. E. THOMAS, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS C. BARRETT, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: June 25th, 1912.

L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy.

ALVIN E. HEBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 132.

Senate Bill No. 137. By Mr. Beale. JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 281 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to the interest on debt and drainage bonds for work of public improvement, and to the validation, and refunding of bonds issued for such improvements, by municipal corporations, parishes and school, drainage, sewerage and other districts (the city of New Orleans excepted), and the assessment of special taxes and forced contributions to pay for same.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds (2-3) of the members elected to each House concurring, that Article 281 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be so amended as to read as follows:

Paragraph 1. Municipal corporations, parishes and school, drainage, sub-drainage, road, sub-road, navigation and sewerage districts (the city of New Orleans excepted), hereinafter referred to as subdivisions of the State, when authorized by a vote of the majority, in number and amount of the property taxpayers, qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of this State, who are authorized to incur debt and issue negotiable bonds therefor, and each year while any bonds thus issued are outstanding, the governing authorities of such subdivisions shall impose and collect annually, in excess of all other taxes, a tax sufficient to pay the interest, annually or semi-annually, and the principal falling due each year, or such amount as may be required for any sinking fund necessary to retire said bonds at maturity, provided that such special taxes, for all purposes as above set forth shall not in any year exceed ten per centum of the assessed valuation of the property in such subdivisions.

No bonds shall be issued for any other purpose than that stated in the submission of the proposition to the taxpayer, and published for thirty days as aforesaid, or for a greater amount than thereon mentioned; nor shall such bonds be issued for any other purposes than for constructing, improving and maintaining public roads and highways paving and improving streets, roads and alleys, purchasing and constructing systems of waterworks, drainage, drainage, navigation, lights, public parks and buildings, together with all necessary equipments and furnishing, bridges and other works of public improvement, the title to which shall rest in the subdivision creating such debt, as the case may be; nor shall such bonds run for a longer period than forty (40) years from their date or bear a greater rate of interest than five per centum (5) per annum, or be sold for less than par. The total issue of bonds by any subdivision for all purposes specified in paragraph 1 of this article, and such issue, when renewed or renewed have been authorized by a vote of the majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers qualified by a vote under the Constitution and laws of this State who voted or shall vote on the proposition at an election held for that purpose, after due notice of said election has been published, for thirty days in the official journal of the parish or parishes in which said subdivisions are located, or where there is no such journal, in any newspaper published in such parish or parishes, provided, however, that the governing body of any such subdivision may in their discretion and without a vote of the property taxpayers, issue refunding or renewal bonds under this paragraph, if the bonds are refunded or renewed thereby have been or shall be issued for any of the purposes specified in said Paragraph 1 of this article, or in novation or renewal of any bonds issued or to be issued for the said purposes specified in paragraph 1 of this article, and such issue, when renewed or renewed have been authorized by a vote of the majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers qualified by a vote under the Constitution and laws of this State who voted or shall vote on the proposition at an election held for that purpose. When the bonds of any outstanding issue shall have been obtained either by purchase or exchange, the tax levy to pay for such bonds shall at once cease and such bonds be cancelled. Each year while any refunding bonds issued under this paragraph are outstanding, the governing authorities of such subdivision shall levy and collect annually, in excess of all other taxes, a tax sufficient to pay the interest, annually or semi-annually, and the principal falling due or such amount as may be required for a sinking fund at maturity, provided that such special ad valorem tax for that purpose shall not in any year exceed ten mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property in such subdivision.

The governing body of any such subdivision shall have full power to adopt and pass all ordinances and resolutions necessary to carry the provisions of this paragraph into effect. An election may be held under the provisions of this paragraph at the same times and places as an election on the question of incurring debt and issuing bonds under the provisions of said Paragraph 1

of interest than 5 per centum per annum or be sold for less than par. All bond issues heretofore authorized by taxpayers in any subdivision at any election not contested on any ground of fraud, are hereby recognized and validated.

Paragraph 3. When the character of any land is such that it must be levied and pumped in order to be drained and reclaimed, the Board of Drainage Commissioners of the District in which the land is situated shall, upon the petition of not less than a majority in acreage of the property taxpayers, resident and non-resident, in the area to be affected, ascertain said land and incur debt against said land for an amount sufficient to drain and reclaim it, and issue for such debt negotiable bonds running not longer than forty years from their date and bearing five per centum per annum payable annually or semi-annually, which bonds shall not be sold for less than par; and said Board of Drainage Commissioners shall levy annually upon said land forced contributions or acreage taxes in an amount sufficient to maintain the drainage of said land, to pay the interest, annually or semi-annually, and the principal falling due each year, or such amount as may be required for any sinking fund provided for payment of said bonds at maturity, provided, that such forced contributions or acreage taxes for all purposes shall never exceed three per centum (3%) per acre per annum.

Paragraph 4. The police juries of the various parishes throughout the State, for the purpose of constructing highways and public buildings for the parish, and the governing authorities of the various corporations authorized for the purpose of paying or improving streets or alleys, and for all municipal improvements, after making provision for the payment of all statutory and ordinary charges, may fund into bonds running for a period not exceeding ten (10) years, and such bonds at a rate of interest not exceeding five (5) per centum per annum, which bonds shall not be sold for less than par, the avails of the residue of the ten (10) mill tax authorized by Article 232 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Paragraph 5. Should any of the subdivisions of the State neglect or fail for any reason to impose or collect the taxes provided for in the foregoing sections, any person in interest may by summary proceedings in the district court having jurisdiction, enforce the imposition or collection of such taxes, or both, and such proceedings shall be filed and triable free of any cost to the litigant.

Paragraph 6. Municipal corporations, parishes and schools, drainage, sub-drainage, road, sub-road, navigation and sewerage districts (the city of New Orleans excepted), hereinafter referred to as subdivisions, when authorized to do so in the manner herein provided, may, for the purpose of readjusting, refunding, extending or unifying their bonded indebtedness, issue new bonds, covering any particular expense, hereinafter referred to as the whole outstanding bonded indebtedness incurred by such subdivision for the purposes specified in Paragraph 1 of this article or any issue of refund issue bonds or renewal or refunding bonds issued by such subdivision in novation or renewal of any bonds issued or to be issued under this paragraph, and such issue, when renewed or renewed have been authorized by a vote of the majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of this State who voted or shall vote on the proposition at an election held for that purpose, after due notice of said election has been published, for thirty days in the official journal of the parish or parishes in which said subdivisions are located, or where there is no such journal, in any newspaper published in such parish or parishes, provided, however, that the governing body of any such subdivision may in their discretion and without a vote of the property taxpayers, issue refunding or renewal bonds under this paragraph, if the bonds are refunded or renewed thereby have been or shall be issued for any of the purposes specified in said Paragraph 1 of this article, or in novation or renewal of any bonds issued or to be issued for the said purposes specified in paragraph 1 of this article, and such issue, when renewed or renewed have been authorized by a vote of the majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers qualified by a vote under the Constitution and laws of this State who voted or shall vote on the proposition at an election held for that purpose. When the bonds of any outstanding issue shall have been obtained either by purchase or exchange, the tax levy to pay for such bonds shall at once cease and such bonds be cancelled. Each year while any refunding bonds issued under this paragraph are outstanding, the governing authorities of such subdivision shall levy and collect annually, in excess of all other taxes, a tax sufficient to pay the interest, annually or semi-annually, and the principal falling due or such amount as may be required for a sinking fund at maturity, provided that such special ad valorem tax for that purpose shall not in any year exceed ten mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property in such subdivision.

The governing body of any such subdivision shall have full power to adopt and pass all ordinances and resolutions necessary to carry the provisions of this paragraph into effect. An election may be held under the provisions of this paragraph at the same times and places as an election on the question of incurring debt and issuing bonds under the provisions of said Paragraph 1

of this Article. Where bonds of any subdivision have been heretofore issued for any of the purposes specified in Paragraph 1 of this Article, and such issue has been authorized by the vote of a majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of this State who voted upon the proposition to issue such bonds at an election held for that purpose and where such bonds have been issued and sold by such subdivision for not less than par value thereof, the said bonds or any refunding bonds or renewal or refunding bonds issued for said purposes specified in Paragraph 1 of Article two hundred and eighty-one (281) are hereby validated, ratified and confirmed; provided that such bonds did not at the time of their issue exceed ten per centum of the assessed valuation of the property in such subdivision, and such bonds hereby ratified, approved and confirmed shall be deemed to be the valid and incontestable obligations of such subdivision and a tax for the payment of the principal and interest thereof and to create a sinking fund for the redemption thereof in the manner and within the limits prescribed by said Paragraph 1 of this Article. This entire Article is to be considered a full grant of power to the subdivisions of the State as set forth therein.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection at the Congressional election to be held in November, 1912, and if adopted, the same shall take effect immediately thereafter.

Section 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That the official ballots to be used at said election there shall be placed the words "For the proposed amendment to Article two hundred and eighty-one of the Constitution of Louisiana," and the words "Against the proposed amendment to Article two hundred and eighty-one of the Constitution of Louisiana," and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State, which of the propositions, "For" or "Against," he votes.

L. E. THOMAS, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS C. BARRETT, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved July 9, 1912.

L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy.

ALVIN E. HEBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 133.

Senate Bill No. 141. By Mr. Voegtle. JOINT RESOLUTION.

Submitting to the people of the State of Louisiana at the Congressional election to be held in November, 1912, an amendment to the Constitution of the State as amended by Act No. 279 of the Acts of 1910 ratified by the people at the November election of 1910, so as to extend the time for the organization of the steamship companies therein provided for until January 1, 1916.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, that an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be submitted to the qualified electors of the State for their approval or rejection, as required by Article 321 of the Constitution, at the Congressional election to be held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1912, amending and re-enacting Article 223 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE 223. Section 1. Upon the recommendation of the Auditor of the Police Jury of any parish, the Governor may suspend any officer charged with the collection or custody of public funds when in arrears.

Section 2. Any officer of this State, or of any district, judicial or otherwise, and any officer of any parish, ward, or ward thereof (except the judges of all of the courts of record of this State, the judges of the various city courts throughout the State, and the justices of the peace) holding office by virtue of having been elected thereto by this State, or of any district, judicial or otherwise, or of any parish, ward thereof, or of any municipality or ward thereof, shall be subject to recall from such office by the qualified voters of this State, or of any district, judicial or otherwise, or of any parish, ward thereof, or of any municipality or ward thereof, by a majority of the legally qualified voters participating in such election. Such recall election shall be held when petitioned for by such a number of the legally qualified voters of the State, district, judicial or otherwise, or of any parish or ward thereof, or of any municipality or ward thereof, as will equal thirty per cent of the number of registered voters qualified to vote at the last preceding general election for the office the incumbent of which is sought to be recalled. Notice of intention to circulate such petition together with a statement of the reasons why the recall of such officers is sought shall be given to such officers in such manner as may be provided by law. The General Assembly by law, the Legislature, prescribe the form of the petition, the manner of verification and ascertainment that the requisite number of legally qualified voters have signed same, and also the manner and method of calling such election and the promulgations of the returns thereof. Such ballot shall contain the specific question, "Shall \_\_\_\_\_ (naming the officer and giving his official title) be recalled," and opposite the question shall be two positions, in one of which shall be printed "Yes" and in the other shall be printed "No," and no ballot shall be considered at such election unless "Yes" or "No" upon such question is marked thereon. No officer shall be subject to recall after he has been in office one year, and should his recall be defeated by the voters, then he shall not again, during that term of office, be subject to recall. At least three months, but not more than five months, shall elapse from the time that the necessary number of petitioners has asked for the recall election before same shall be held. A term, to be for the remainder of the term of the officer sought to be recalled shall be election, and should the majority of the voters

participating in such election be in favor of the recall of such officer, then immediately after the promulgation of the returns of such election the successor so elected shall qualify. The General Assembly shall provide by law how candidates to succeed the officer sought to be recalled may have their names placed on the recall ballot of the State, district, judicial or otherwise, parish or ward thereof, or of any municipality, or ward thereof, by petition signed by qualified voters to the number of not less than thirty per cent of the total number of registered voters in general election for the office the incumbent of which is sought to be recalled. All voters may express a first choice and a second choice, and the candidate who is the first choice of the greatest number of voters shall be declared to be elected. If the election has resulted in the recall of the officer sought to be recalled, the officer sought to be recalled shall not be a candidate at such recall election.

Section 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That the official ballot to be used at said election shall have printed thereon the words: "For the proposed amendment to Article 223 of the Constitution providing for the recall of certain officers elected by the people." And the words, "Against the proposed amendment to Article 223 of the Constitution providing for the recall of certain officers elected by the people."

Section 4. Be it further resolved, etc., That the official ballot to be used at said election shall have printed thereon the words: "For the proposed amendment to Article 223 of the Constitution providing for the recall of certain officers elected by the people." And the words, "Against the proposed amendment to Article 223 of the Constitution providing for the recall of certain officers elected by the people."

L. E. THOMAS, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS C. BARRETT, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved July 9, 1912.

L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy.

ALVIN E. HEBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 134.

Senate Bill No. 174. By Mr. Voegtle. JOINT RESOLUTION.

Submitting to the people of the State of Louisiana at the Congressional election to be held in November, 1912, an amendment to the Constitution of the State as amended by Act No. 279 of the Acts of 1910 ratified by the people at the November election of 1910, so as to extend the time for the organization of the steamship companies therein provided for until January 1, 1916.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, that an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be submitted to the qualified electors of the State for their approval or rejection, as required by Article 321 of the Constitution, at the Congressional election to be held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1912, amending and re-enacting Article 223 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE 223. Section 1. Upon the recommendation of the Auditor of the Police Jury of any parish, the Governor may suspend any officer charged with the collection or custody of public funds when in arrears.

Section 2. Any officer of this State, or of any district, judicial or otherwise, and any officer of any parish, ward, or ward thereof (except the judges of all of the courts of record of this State, the judges of the various city courts throughout the State, and the justices of the peace) holding office by virtue of having been elected thereto by this State, or of any district, judicial or otherwise, or of any parish, ward thereof, or of any municipality or ward thereof, shall be subject to recall from such office by the qualified voters of this State, or of any district, judicial or otherwise, or of any parish, ward thereof, or of any municipality or ward thereof, by a majority of the legally qualified voters participating in such election. Such recall election shall be held when petitioned for by such a number of the legally qualified voters of the State, district, judicial or otherwise, or of any parish or ward thereof, or of any municipality or ward thereof, as will equal thirty per cent of the number of registered voters qualified to vote at the last preceding general election for the office the incumbent of which is sought to be recalled. Notice of intention to circulate such petition together with a statement of the reasons why the recall of such officers is sought shall be given to such officers in such manner as may be provided by law. The General Assembly by law, the Legislature, prescribe the form of the petition, the manner of verification and ascertainment that the requisite number of legally qualified voters have signed same, and also the manner and method of calling such election and the promulgations of the returns thereof. Such ballot shall contain the specific question, "Shall \_\_\_\_\_ (naming the officer and giving his official title) be recalled," and opposite the question shall be two positions, in one of which shall be printed "Yes" and in the other shall be printed "No," and no ballot shall be considered at such election unless "Yes" or "No" upon such question is marked thereon. No officer shall be subject to recall after he has been in office one year, and should his recall be defeated by the voters, then he shall not again, during that term of office, be subject to recall. At least three months, but not more than five months, shall elapse from the time that the necessary number of petitioners has asked for the recall election before same shall be held. A term, to be for the remainder of the term of the officer sought to be recalled shall be election, and should the majority of the voters

whether to veterans or to widows, issue all such writs, process and orders as may be necessary or proper for the purposes of the jurisdiction herein conferred upon them. There shall be one District Judge in each Judicial District, except in the First, Twenty-First and Fifteenth Judicial Districts, where until otherwise provided by law there shall be two District Judges, but Judges of the Twenty-First Judicial District shall not be residents of the same parish and the Judges of the Fifteenth (15th) Judicial District shall not be residents of the same parish after the expiration of the terms of the first Judges elected under this Constitution.

District Judges shall be elected by a plurality of the qualified voters of their respective districts, in which they shall have been actual residents for two years next preceding their election. They shall be learned in the law, and shall have practiced law in this State five years previous to their election.

The first District Judges under this Constitution shall be elected at the general State election in 1900, and shall hold office until their successors are elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1904, at which time and every four years thereafter District Judges shall be elected for terms of four years. Vacancies occasioned by death, resignation, or otherwise, where the unexpired portion of the term is less than one year, shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment of the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. In all cases where the unexpired portion of the term is one year or more, the vacancy shall be filled by special election, to be called by the Governor, and held within sixty days of the occurrence of the vacancy under the general election laws of the State.

Section 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That the foregoing amendment to the Article of the Constitution of this State, if adopted, shall become operative on the first day of December, A. D. 1912, and the Governor of the State shall, within ten days thereafter, order an election to be held within the Fifteenth Judicial District of Louisiana, and conformably with existing election laws, for the purpose of electing the additional judge herein provided for, for the Fifteenth Judicial District, who shall hold office until the next regular election for Judges under this Constitution and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Section 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That upon the official ballots to be used at said Congressional election there shall be printed the words: "For the proposed amendment to Article 109 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to District Courts," and the words "Against the proposed amendment to Article 109 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to District Courts," and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State, which of the propositions, "For" or "Against," he votes for.

L. E. THOMAS, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS C. BARRETT, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved July 10, 1912.

L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy.

ALVIN E. HEBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 135.

Senate Bill No. 208. By Mr. Butler. JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to pensions for Confederate Veterans as amended by Act No. 73 of the General Assembly of 1904, and Act No. 112 of the General Assembly of 1908, and for the purpose of providing a sufficient revenue for the carrying out of this Article of the Constitution.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to the House concurring, that Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, as amended by Act No. 73 of the General Assembly of 1904, and Act No. 112 of the General Assembly of 1908, be so amended as to read as follows:

Article 303. A pension not to exceed eight dollars (\$8) per month shall be allowed to each Confederate soldier or sailor veteran who possesses all the following qualifications: 1. He shall have honorably served from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War, or until he was discharged or paroled, in some military organization regularly mustered into the Army or Navy of the Confederate States and shall have remained true to the Confederate States until the surrender.

2. He shall not own property of more than one thousand dollars valuation and he shall not be physically unable to earn a livelihood by his own labor. He shall not be salaried or otherwise provided for by the State of Louisiana or by any other State or Government. In case he enlisted in any organization mustered into said service as a Louisiana organization, or in case at the date of his enlistment he resided in the State of Louisiana, he shall have resided in this State for at least 5 years prior to his application for pension. If he resided elsewhere than in this State, and enlisted in an organization not mustered in from Louisiana, or in the navy of the Confederate States, he shall have resided in this State for at least 15 years prior to his application for such pension. A like pension shall be granted to the widow who shall not have married again, in indigent circumstances, of such soldier or sailor whose marriage to her was contracted prior to January 1, 1865; provided that if her deceased husband served in any organization, mustered as either Louisiana, or if he resided in Louisiana at the date of his enlistment, then in order that such widow shall be entitled to the pension as herein provided, she shall have resided in this State for at least five years prior to her application therefor; and if her deceased husband enlisted elsewhere than in Louisiana, and served in an organization not mustered in from Louisiana, such widow shall, in order to entitle her to a pension as herein provided, have resided in this State for not less than fifteen years prior to her application for such pension; provided further, that pensions

shall be allowed only from the date of application under this article, and the total appropriations for all pensions, in any one year, shall be provided said appropriations shall never be more than five hundred and fifty thousand dollars for any one year which is hereby levied on all taxable property in the State. Any accruing surplus from said tax fund shall be turned over to the common school fund and prohibiting the collection of any other tax or making any appropriation in excess of the amount of the one mill tax levied and collected and to be known as "Confederate Veterans Pension Fund," and to be used for no other purpose, and upon the adoption of this amendment same shall at once become self-operative and the funds derived therefrom immediately used for said purpose, and provided further that the Tax Collectors and Assessors shall receive no commissions for assessing and collecting said one mill tax herein provided. Provided that nothing in this Article shall be construed so as to prohibit the General Assembly from providing artificial limbs to disabled Confederate soldiers or sailors.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to pensions for Confederate Veterans," and the words: "Against the proposed amendment to Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to pensions for Confederate Veterans," and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State, whether he votes for or against the amendment.

L. E. THOMAS, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS C. BARRETT, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved July 10, 1912.

L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy.

ALVIN E. HEBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 136.

Senate Bill No. 207. By Mr. Manion. JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 210 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, so as to permit women to hold any office connected with the educational system of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, and with institutions of charity and correction.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, that Article 210 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be so amended as to read as follows:

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That the official ballots to be used at said election shall have printed thereon the words: "For the proposed amendment to Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to pensions for Confederate Veterans," and the words: "Against the proposed amendment to Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to pensions for Confederate Veterans," and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State, whether he votes for or against the amendment.

L. E. THOMAS, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS C. BARRETT, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved July 10, 1912.

L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.

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ALVIN E. HEBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 137.

Senate Bill No. 209. By Mr. Manion. JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 210 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, so as to permit women to hold any office connected with the educational system of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, and with institutions of charity and correction.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, that Article 210 of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. No person shall be eligible to any office, State, judicial, parochial, municipal or ward, who is not a citizen of this State and a duly qualified elector of the State, judicial district, parish, municipality or ward, wherein the functions of said office are to be performed; provided, that resident women over the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible to hold any office connected with the public educational system of the State, or of any ward, parish, or municipality in the State, and to hold any office in the State connected with institutions of charity or correction. And whenever any office, State, judicial, parochial, municipal or ward, may change his residence from this State, or from the district, parish, municipality or ward in which he holds such office, the same shall thereby be vacated, any declaration of retention of domicile to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana for their approval or rejection, as required by Article 321 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, and the general election laws of the State, at the next Congressional election to be held in this State in November, 1912.

Section 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That on the official ballots to be used at said election shall be placed the words: "For the proposed amendment to Article 210 of the Constitution relative to women," and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State, whether he votes for or against the amendment.

L. E. THOMAS, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS C. BARRETT, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved July 11, 1912.