

tors of the State at the next election for Representatives in Congress to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1912, and on the official ballots to be used at said election shall be placed the words "For the proposed amendment to Article 157 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana," and the words "Against the proposed amendment to Article 157 of the Constitution of the State 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. BARRET, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
Approved July 11, 1912.  
L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true copy.  
ALVIN E. HEBBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 203.

House Bill No. 433. By Mr. Fontenot.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, amending Article 46 of the Constitution of 1898, as amended by Act No. 303 of the Acts of 1910, to authorize the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt to issue new bonds to retire or refund the State Bonded Indebtedness due January 1, 1914; to provide for interest on said bonds and a sinking fund to retire the same; to provide for the payment out of the said sinking fund of an indebtedness due by the State to the United States, and of certain other claims against the State.

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 Article 46 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1898, as amended by Act No. 303 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana of 1910, ratified by the people at the November election of 1910, be submitted to the qualified electors of the State for their approval or rejection at the Congressional election to be held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November of 1912, and the proposed amendment to read as follows:

"Article 46. The General Assembly shall have no power to contract or to authorize the contracting of any debt or liability, on behalf of the State, or to issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness thereof, except for the purpose of repelling invasion or for the purpose of insurrection. Provided, that for the purpose of retiring, liquidating or refunding the present State Bonded Indebtedness of Eleven Million, One Hundred and Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars, maturing January 1, 1914, and bearing four per cent per annum interest, the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt of Louisiana is given authority to issue Eleven Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Seven Thousand Dollars of Louisiana of \$1000 each to be numbered 'No. 1' to 'No. 11,087,' bearing a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and to be due and paid in 50 years from January 1, 1914. The form of said bonds shall be prescribed by the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt and they shall be signed by the Governor, the Auditor and the Treasurer of the State. Said bonds shall be sold to the highest bidder at not less than par after three months of advertisement by the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt in New Orleans, Chicago and New York; and in case said bonds cannot be sold they may be exchanged at par by the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt for the bonds due January 1, 1914. The excess of Three Hundred Dollars of the bonds due January 1, 1914, over the bonds authorized by this article, shall be paid in cash out of the current interest funds of the State. The cost of engraving and advertising said bonds shall also be paid out of the said fund.

"In all other respects not herein specified, the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt is hereby given full power and authority to carry out the provisions of this amendment.

"Beginning with January 1, 1914, there shall be and there is hereby levied on all property on which general State taxes are levied an annual tax of one and two-tenths mills, the net proceeds of which shall be devoted to the payment of the interest due on said bonds, to the payment of the interest due on the indebtedness of the State to the Free School Fund, to Seminary Funds and the Agricultural and Mechanical College Funds, to the payment of the proper expenses of the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt, and the residue to be constituted of a sinking fund to be applied annually except as hereinafter provided, to the purchase of said bonds by said Board at a price not to exceed one hundred and thirty and accrued interest. If bonds cannot be purchased as aforesaid, the sinking fund shall be invested by the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt in sound, interest-bearing securities, producing not less than four per cent per annum interest on the amount so invested, or deposited in solvent banks furnishing adequate security to the State, to be approved by the said Board, at a rate of interest not less than four per cent per annum. Said tax shall be levied until all of said bonds shall have been retired, but after the assessments of the State reach the sum of \$50,000,000, said tax shall be reduced to one mill and thereafter to be reduced to two-tenths of one mill for each One Hundred Million Dollars increase in assessments until the said tax shall be reduced to six-tenths of one mill. The said tax shall constitute a part of the six mills of taxation permitted to be levied by the Constitution.

In case the present system of taxation shall be changed before the said bonds shall have been paid, there shall be levied annually a tax sufficient to produce a gross sum of not less than Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars to take the place of said tax of one and two-tenths mills and to be reduced to six-tenths of one mill.

ACT NO. 204.

Senate Bill No. 123. By Mr. Anacker.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, providing for the exemption from taxation for a period of ten (10) years from the date of its completion, of all railroads or parts of railroads, constructed subsequently to January 1, 1912.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring therein, that the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be submitted to the electors of the State at the next election for Representatives in Congress, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1912, to-wit: There shall be exempt from taxation for a period of ten years from the date of its completion, any railroad or part of railroad that shall have been constructed and completed subsequently to January 1, 1912, and prior to January 1, 1917. This exemption shall include and apply to all rights of way, road bed, sidings, rails and other superstructure upon such rights of way, roadbed or sidings; and to all depots, station houses, buildings, erections and structures appurtenant to such railroads and the operation of the same; but shall not include the depots, warehouses, station houses and other structures and appurtenances nor the land upon which they are erected at terminal points, and for which franchises have been granted and obtained, whether same remain the property of the present owner or owners, or be transferred or assigned to any corporation or corporations, person or persons who have ever, and provided further that this exemption shall not apply to double tracks, sidings, switches, depots or other improvements or betterments which may be constructed by railroads now in operation within the State, other than extensions or new lines constructed by such railroads. Provided, further, that when said tax heretofore been or which may hereafter be levied by any parish, ward or municipality to any railroad, such railroad shall not be entitled to the exemption from taxation herein established.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, that the official ballots at the

election shall have printed thereon the words: "For the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the exemption from taxation for ten years from the date of completion, of all railroads or parts of railroads, constructed subsequently to January 1, 1912," and the words "Against the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the exemption from taxation for ten years from the date of completion, of all railroads or parts of railroads, constructed subsequently to January 1, 1912," 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. BARRET, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
Approved July 11, 1912.  
L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true copy.  
ALVIN E. HEBBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 205.

Senate Bill No. 161. By Mr. Mouton.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads.

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 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be amended to read as follows:

"Article 291. The Police Juries of this State may form their respective parishes into road districts; and in order to raise funds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads and bridges of their parishes, they are authorized to set aside at least one mill per annum of the taxes levied by them, and to impose a per capita tax not more than one dollar per annum upon each able bodied male inhabitant of the parish between the ages of fifteen and fifty-five years, and to levy an annual license of not less than twenty-five (25c) cents nor more than one dollar per annum upon each vehicle, including bicycles, kept within said parishes or within a municipality thereof whether or not exempt in its character from parochial taxation, and used for locomotion over public roads; which license shall be graduated. The provision to this article relative to the per capita tax, shall not be operative in incorporated towns and cities that maintain their own streets.

To carry into effect the provisions of this Article the Police Juries may enact such ordinances of a civil nature as may be necessary to enforce the property and license tax, and of a criminal nature to enforce the per capita tax.

The Police Juries and municipal corporations in the several parishes of this State may levy other taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads and bridges within the territorial limits of said parishes, and may incur debt, and issue negotiable bonds therefor in the manner and to the extent authorized under the provisions of articles 232 and 231 of the Constitution and the Statutes adopted to carry them into effect.

Other taxes may be levied by the Police Juries for road and bridge purposes not to exceed five mills for five years on the property of the parish, or any ward or territory, the rate of taxation and the purpose thereof shall have been submitted to the property tax payers of the said ward or parish entitled to vote under the election laws of the State, and a majority thereof in number and value of those voting at said election shall have voted in favor thereof. That this Article shall be self operative.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to 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 on the official ballots to be issued at said election there shall be placed the words "For the proposed amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of Louisiana," and the words "Against the proposed amendment to Article 291 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. BARRET, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
Approved July 11, 1912.  
L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true copy.  
ALVIN E. HEBBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 206.

Senate Bill No. 161. By Mr. Mouton.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads.

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 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be amended to read as follows:

"Article 291. The Police Juries of this State may form their respective parishes into road districts; and in order to raise funds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads and bridges of their parishes, they are authorized to set aside at least one mill per annum of the taxes levied by them, and to impose a per capita tax not more than one dollar per annum upon each able bodied male inhabitant of the parish between the ages of fifteen and fifty-five years, and to levy an annual license of not less than twenty-five (25c) cents nor more than one dollar per annum upon each vehicle, including bicycles, kept within said parishes or within a municipality thereof whether or not exempt in its character from parochial taxation, and used for locomotion over public roads; which license shall be graduated. The provision to this article relative to the per capita tax, shall not be operative in incorporated towns and cities that maintain their own streets.

To carry into effect the provisions of this Article the Police Juries may enact such ordinances of a civil nature as may be necessary to enforce the property and license tax, and of a criminal nature to enforce the per capita tax.

The capital, surplus and personal estate of every corporation hereafter organized in this State for the sole purpose of lending money on mortgages on country property situated in Louisiana at a rate of interest not to exceed six (6) per cent net to the borrower, whether by way of commission, discount or otherwise, it shall forfeit the entire exemption herein granted, and be subject to taxation from the time it makes such loan, or negotiates any securities other than those hereinabove mentioned shall incur a like forfeiture.

No such corporation shall have power to receive any money on deposit or to do a banking business of any kind, and all such corporations shall be under the control and supervision of the State Bank Examiner, whose duty it shall be to report to the Attorney General and the State Tax Commission any violation of the condition of this exemption.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., that there shall be printed on the ballots to be used at the said election the words "For the amendment to the Constitution exempting from taxation for twenty (20) years corporations organized for the sole purpose of lending money on country real estate situated in Louisiana at not more than six (6) per cent net to the borrower, with power to negotiate and handle local securities," and the words "Against the amendment to the Constitution exempting from taxation for twenty (20) years corporations organized for the sole purpose of lending money on country real estate situated in Louisiana at not more than six (6) per cent net to the borrower, with power to negotiate and handle local securities," and each elector shall indicate on his ballot, as provided by the general election laws of the State whether he votes for or against the said amendment.

THOMAS C. BARRET, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
L. E. THOMAS, Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
Approved August 24, 1912.  
L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true copy.  
ALVIN E. HEBBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 207.

Senate Bill No. 161. By Mr. Mouton.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads.

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 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be amended to read as follows:

"Article 291. The Police Juries of this State may form their respective parishes into road districts; and in order to raise funds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads and bridges of their parishes, they are authorized to set aside at least one mill per annum of the taxes levied by them, and to impose a per capita tax not more than one dollar per annum upon each able bodied male inhabitant of the parish between the ages of fifteen and fifty-five years, and to levy an annual license of not less than twenty-five (25c) cents nor more than one dollar per annum upon each vehicle, including bicycles, kept within said parishes or within a municipality thereof whether or not exempt in its character from parochial taxation, and used for locomotion over public roads; which license shall be graduated. The provision to this article relative to the per capita tax, shall not be operative in incorporated towns and cities that maintain their own streets.

To carry into effect the provisions of this Article the Police Juries may enact such ordinances of a civil nature as may be necessary to enforce the property and license tax, and of a criminal nature to enforce the per capita tax.

The Police Juries and municipal corporations in the several parishes of this State may levy other taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads and bridges within the territorial limits of said parishes, and may incur debt, and issue negotiable bonds therefor in the manner and to the extent authorized under the provisions of articles 232 and 231 of the Constitution and the Statutes adopted to carry them into effect.

Other taxes may be levied by the Police Juries for road and bridge purposes not to exceed five mills for five years on the property of the parish, or any ward or territory, the rate of taxation and the purpose thereof shall have been submitted to the property tax payers of the said ward or parish entitled to vote under the election laws of the State, and a majority thereof in number and value of those voting at said election shall have voted in favor thereof. That this Article shall be self operative.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to 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 on the official ballots to be issued at said election there shall be placed the words "For the proposed amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of Louisiana," and the words "Against the proposed amendment to Article 291 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. BARRET, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
Approved July 11, 1912.  
L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true copy.  
ALVIN E. HEBBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 208.

Senate Bill No. 161. By Mr. Mouton.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads.

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 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be amended to read as follows:

"Article 291. The Police Juries of this State may form their respective parishes into road districts; and in order to raise funds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads and bridges of their parishes, they are authorized to set aside at least one mill per annum of the taxes levied by them, and to impose a per capita tax not more than one dollar per annum upon each able bodied male inhabitant of the parish between the ages of fifteen and fifty-five years, and to levy an annual license of not less than twenty-five (25c) cents nor more than one dollar per annum upon each vehicle, including bicycles, kept within said parishes or within a municipality thereof whether or not exempt in its character from parochial taxation, and used for locomotion over public roads; which license shall be graduated. The provision to this article relative to the per capita tax, shall not be operative in incorporated towns and cities that maintain their own streets.

To carry into effect the provisions of this Article the Police Juries may enact such ordinances of a civil nature as may be necessary to enforce the property and license tax, and of a criminal nature to enforce the per capita tax.

The Police Juries and municipal corporations in the several parishes of this State may levy other taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads and bridges within the territorial limits of said parishes, and may incur debt, and issue negotiable bonds therefor in the manner and to the extent authorized under the provisions of articles 232 and 231 of the Constitution and the Statutes adopted to carry them into effect.

Other taxes may be levied by the Police Juries for road and bridge purposes not to exceed five mills for five years on the property of the parish, or any ward or territory, the rate of taxation and the purpose thereof shall have been submitted to the property tax payers of the said ward or parish entitled to vote under the election laws of the State, and a majority thereof in number and value of those voting at said election shall have voted in favor thereof. That this Article shall be self operative.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to 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 on the official ballots to be issued at said election there shall be placed the words "For the proposed amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of Louisiana," and the words "Against the proposed amendment to Article 291 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. BARRET, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
Approved July 11, 1912.  
L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true copy.  
ALVIN E. HEBBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 209.

Senate Bill No. 161. By Mr. Mouton.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads.

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 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be amended to read as follows:

"Article 291. The Police Juries of this State may form their respective parishes into road districts; and in order to raise funds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads and bridges of their parishes, they are authorized to set aside at least one mill per annum of the taxes levied by them, and to impose a per capita tax not more than one dollar per annum upon each able bodied male inhabitant of the parish between the ages of fifteen and fifty-five years, and to levy an annual license of not less than twenty-five (25c) cents nor more than one dollar per annum upon each vehicle, including bicycles, kept within said parishes or within a municipality thereof whether or not exempt in its character from parochial taxation, and used for locomotion over public roads; which license shall be graduated. The provision to this article relative to the per capita tax, shall not be operative in incorporated towns and cities that maintain their own streets.

To carry into effect the provisions of this Article the Police Juries may enact such ordinances of a civil nature as may be necessary to enforce the property and license tax, and of a criminal nature to enforce the per capita tax.

The Police Juries and municipal corporations in the several parishes of this State may levy other taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads and bridges within the territorial limits of said parishes, and may incur debt, and issue negotiable bonds therefor in the manner and to the extent authorized under the provisions of articles 232 and 231 of the Constitution and the Statutes adopted to carry them into effect.

Other taxes may be levied by the Police Juries for road and bridge purposes not to exceed five mills for five years on the property of the parish, or any ward or territory, the rate of taxation and the purpose thereof shall have been submitted to the property tax payers of the said ward or parish entitled to vote under the election laws of the State, and a majority thereof in number and value of those voting at said election shall have voted in favor thereof. That this Article shall be self operative.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to 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 on the official ballots to be issued at said election there shall be placed the words "For the proposed amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of Louisiana," and the words "Against the proposed amendment to Article 291 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. BARRET, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
Approved July 11, 1912.  
L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true copy.  
ALVIN E. HEBBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 210.

Senate Bill No. 161. By Mr. Mouton.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads.

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 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be amended to read as follows:

"Article 291. The Police Juries of this State may form their respective parishes into road districts; and in order to raise funds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads and bridges of their parishes, they are authorized to set aside at least one mill per annum of the taxes levied by them, and to impose a per capita tax not more than one dollar per annum upon each able bodied male inhabitant of the parish between the ages of fifteen and fifty-five years, and to levy an annual license of not less than twenty-five (25c) cents nor more than one dollar per annum upon each vehicle, including bicycles, kept within said parishes or within a municipality thereof whether or not exempt in its character from parochial taxation, and used for locomotion over public roads; which license shall be graduated. The provision to this article relative to the per capita tax, shall not be operative in incorporated towns and cities that maintain their own streets.

To carry into effect the provisions of this Article the Police Juries may enact such ordinances of a civil nature as may be necessary to enforce the property and license tax, and of a criminal nature to enforce the per capita tax.

The Police Juries and municipal corporations in the several parishes of this State may levy other taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads and bridges within the territorial limits of said parishes, and may incur debt, and issue negotiable bonds therefor in the manner and to the extent authorized under the provisions of articles 232 and 231 of the Constitution and the Statutes adopted to carry them into effect.

Other taxes may be levied by the Police Juries for road and bridge purposes not to exceed five mills for five years on the property of the parish, or any ward or territory, the rate of taxation and the purpose thereof shall have been submitted to the property tax payers of the said ward or parish entitled to vote under the election laws of the State, and a majority thereof in number and value of those voting at said election shall have voted in favor thereof. That this Article shall be self operative.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to 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 on the official ballots to be issued at said election there shall be placed the words "For the proposed amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of Louisiana," and the words "Against the proposed amendment to Article 291 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. BARRET, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
Approved July 11, 1912.  
L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true copy.  
ALVIN E. HEBBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 211.

Senate Bill No. 161. By Mr. Mouton.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads.

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 291 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be amended to read as follows:

"Article 291. The Police Juries of this State may form their respective parishes into road districts; and in order to raise funds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing the public roads and bridges of their parishes, they are authorized to set aside at least one mill per annum of the taxes levied by them, and to impose a per capita tax not more than one dollar per annum upon each able bodied male inhabitant of the parish between the ages of fifteen and fifty-five years, and to levy an annual license of not less than twenty-five (25c) cents nor more than one dollar per annum upon each vehicle, including bicycles, kept within said parishes or within a municipality thereof whether or not exempt in its character from parochial taxation, and used for locomotion over public roads; which license shall be graduated. The provision to this article relative to the per capita tax, shall not be operative in incorporated towns and cities that maintain their own streets.

To carry into effect the provisions of this Article the Police Juries may enact such ordinances of a civil nature as may be necessary to enforce the property and license tax, and of a criminal nature to enforce the per capita tax.

The Police Juries and municipal corporations in the several parishes of this State may levy other taxes for the construction and maintenance of public roads and bridges within the territorial limits of said parishes, and may incur debt, and issue negotiable bonds therefor in the manner and to the extent authorized under the provisions of articles 232 and 231 of the Constitution and the Statutes adopted to carry them into effect.

Other taxes may be levied by the Police Juries for road and bridge purposes not to exceed five mills for five years on the property of the parish, or any ward or territory, the rate of taxation and the purpose thereof shall have been submitted to the property tax payers of the said ward or parish entitled to vote under the election laws of the State, and a majority thereof in number and value of those voting at said election shall have voted in favor thereof. That this Article shall be self operative.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to 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 on the official ballots to be issued at said election there shall be placed the words "For the proposed amendment to Article 291 of the Constitution of Louisiana," and the words "Against the proposed amendment to Article 291 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. BARRET, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
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whether or not cities and incorporated towns and villages shall be released from parochial taxation and licenses, subject to the condition of contributing to parish expenses," and each elector shall indicate on his ballot, as provided by the general election laws of the State, whether he votes for or against the said amendment.

THOMAS C. BARRET, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
L. E. THOMAS, Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
Approved August 24, 1912.  
L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true copy.  
ALVIN E. HEBBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 10.

Senate Bill No. 7. By Mr. Schaffer.

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 exempting from taxation for ten (10) years from the date of completion the capital stock, franchises, and certain property of all corporations constructing owning and operating within the state a combined system of irrigation, navigation and hydro-electric power, using fresh water streams and water sheds, provided that each system be completed and in operation within five (5) years from January 1, 1913, and provided further that not less than five million dollars shall have been expended in the construction of each system.

Whereas, the State of Louisiana has large areas comprising millions of acres of land that can be reclaimed and brought into cultivation by irrigation, whereby large additions will be made to the population and the assessed value of the State; and Whereas, canals can be constructed to provide irrigation, navigation and power, and it is the State's duty to encourage and promote the organization of such concerns:

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 the following amendment to the Constitution of 1898 be submitted to the qualified electors of the State for their adoption or rejection at the Congressional election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month of November, 1912, as follows:

"That every parish or municipality through its police jury or governing authority shall have the right to, and upon the petition of one-fourth of the qualified electors residing within its jurisdiction shall submit to the qualified electors in said parish or municipality, at an election to be called and held for that purpose after thirty days published notice, the question as to whether or not there shall be exempted from taxation an amount not to exceed \$2000 to be deducted from the value of all buildings exclusively occupied by bona fide owners for residential purposes only; provided that any exemption may be withdrawn in the same manner in which it may be granted.

No such exemption, voted by a parish, shall operate to grant any real or personal property of the State or home within a municipality the right to deduct the exempted amount from the improvement value of his property in respect to municipal taxation.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., that there shall be printed on the ballots to be used at the said election the words "For the proposed amendment authorizing exemption of homes from taxation," and each elector shall indicate as provided in the general election laws of the State whether he votes for or against the proposed amendment.

THOMAS C. BARRET, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
L. E. THOMAS, Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
Approved August 24, 1912.  
L. E. HALL, Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true copy.  
ALVIN E. HEBBERT, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 9.

Senate Bill No. 6. By Mr. Barrow.

Joint resolution submitting to the people of Louisiana an amendment to the Constitution providing for referendum to the people of each parish to determine whether cities and incorporated towns and villages or any one or more of them shall be free from taxes and licenses levied by parochial authorities for parochial purposes, subject to the obligation to make certain contributions to the parishes.

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 the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be submitted to the qualified electors of the State at the Congressional election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month of November of the year 1912, to-wit:

"Every parish through its police jury shall have the right to submit and, upon the petition of one-fourth of the qualified electors of said parish, at an election to be called and held for that purpose after thirty days published notice, the question of whether or not any one or more of the cities, incorporated towns and villages within the limits of the parishes (unless already exempt) shall be free and exempt from all taxes and licenses levied by parochial authority for parochial purposes, provided that whenever such exemption is granted, each city, incorporated town and village so exempted shall contribute to the parochial authorities its fair proportion of all parochial burdens, debts and expenses common to both. Such proportion to be adjusted between the police jury and the municipal