

and all other officers, before they enter upon the duties of their office, shall take the following oath or affirmation: 'I, (A. ) do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I represent the civil and political equality of all men, and agree not to attempt to deprive any person or persons on account of race, color, or previous condition, of any political right, privilege, or immunity enjoyed by any other class of men. I will support the constitution and laws of the United States and the constitution and laws of this state, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as according to the best of my ability and understanding. So help me God.'

ART. 124. The general assembly, at its first session under this constitution, shall provide an annual pension for the veterans of eighteen hundred and fourteen and eighteen hundred and fifteen residing in the state. ART. 125. The military shall be in subordination to the civil power. ART. 126. It shall be the duty of the general assembly to make it obligatory upon each parish to support all papers residing within its limits. ART. 127. All agreements, the consideration of which was confederate money, notes, or bonds, are null and void; and shall not be enforced by the courts of this state. ART. 128. Contracts for the sale of persons are null and void; and shall not be enforced by the courts of this state. ART. 129. The state of Louisiana shall never assume nor pay any debt or obligation contracted or incurred in aid of the rebellion; nor shall this state ever in any manner claim from the United States or make any allowance or compensation for slaves emancipated or liberated in any way whatever. ART. 130. All contracts made and entered into under the pretended authority of any governments heretofore existing in this state, by which children were bound out without the knowledge or consent of their parents, are hereby declared null and void; nor shall any child be bound out to any one for any term of years, while either one of its parents live, without the consent of such parent, except in cases of children legally sent to the house of correction. ART. 131. The seat of government shall be established at the city of New Orleans, and shall not be removed without the consent of two-thirds of the members of both houses of the general assembly. ART. 132. All lands sold in pursuance of decrees of courts shall be divided into tracts of from ten to fifty acres. ART. 133. No judicial powers shall be exercised by clerks of courts. ART. 134. No soldier, sailor, or marine in the military or naval service of the United States shall heretofore acquire a residence in this state by reason of being stationed or doing duty in the same.

ART. 135. Returns shall be made in duplicate, sworn to by the commissioners holding the election, and forwarded within three days thereafter to the registrars of the parish or district. The registrars shall immediately forward one copy of said returns to the chairman of the committee of seven, appointed by this convention, who shall, within ten days after the last return has been received, make proclamation of the result of said election. ART. 136. All civil officers thus elected shall enter upon the discharge of their duties on the second Monday after the return of their election shall have been officially promulgated, or as soon as qualified according to law, and shall continue in office for the terms of their respective offices herein prescribed, said terms to date from the first Monday in November following the election. ART. 137. The general assembly, elected under this constitution, shall hold its first session in the city of New Orleans on the third Monday after the official promulgation aforesaid, and proceed immediately upon its organization to vote upon the adoption of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed by congress, and passed July thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six; said general assembly shall not have power to enact any laws relative to the per diem of members, or any other subject, after organization, until said constitutional amendment shall have been acted upon. ART. 138. All registrars and commissioners appointed under this constitution shall, before entering upon their duties, take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by congress, approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled 'An act to prescribe an oath of office,' the said oath of office shall be administered to each registrar by the chairman of the committee of seven and to each commissioner by the registrar appointing him. ART. 139. All registrars, commissioners, and other officers necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this ordinance, except as otherwise provided for by the reconstruction acts of congress, shall be paid out of any funds raised by virtue of the tax ordinance adopted by the convention, December twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, not otherwise appropriated.

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