CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

ACT NO. 2.

Senate Bill No. 1.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana for the assessment, levy and collection of a tax in the Parish of Orleans and the State of Louisiana, in aid of locating and building an exposition in the city of New Orleans to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal; said tax to be expended under the direction of the World's Panama Exposition Company.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all 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 of the State of Louisiana at the Congressional election to be held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday of November, 1910, as follows:

The World's Panama Exposition Company having been organized as a corporation by act before Percy Sommer Benedict, Notary Public, on the 8th day of the month of April, 1910, for the purpose of promoting an exposition at or near the city of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, to be held in celebration of the completion of the Panama Canal:

Now, for the purpose of aiding said World's Panama Exposition Company to locate and build at or near the city of New Orleans an exposition in celebration of the completion of the Panama Canal, an annual tax of three-eighths (⅜) of one mill on the dollar in all parishes of the State of Louisiana outside of the Parish of Orleans, and a tax of six-eighths (6-8) of one mill on the dollar in the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to State taxation in the State of Louisiana and Parish of Orleans, beginning with the year 1911 and collected annually in the year in which it is levied until Four Million ($4,000,000) Dollars shall have been collected and paid into the Treasury of the State of Louisiana.

The tax thus levied shall be assessed and collected without costs or commissions in the various parishes throughout the State and paid to the State Treasurer in the same manner as other State taxes are assessed, collected and paid in.

The tax herein levied is additional to all other taxes now authorized by the Constitution.

The money realized from the collection of taxes herein provided for shall remain in the State Treasury as other State funds until it is finally decided by the Sixty-first or Sixty-second Congress of the United States that an exposition for the purposes herein set forth will be held at or near the City of New Orleans. When this fact is thus definitely determined, then the money from the collection of this tax shall be paid out by the State Treasurer upon the warrant of the World's Panama Exposition Company, approved by the Governor, Treasurer and Auditor of the State, or any two of them for the purpose of securing a site and for the construction, equipment and maintaining of the exposition.

The site of the exposition and all improvements situated thereon, and all moneys or other assets of said World's Panama Exposition Company shall be exempt from all State, Parish, municipal and special taxes while being used for said exposition purposes.

The tax herein voted for the purposes herein stated shall constitute a binding contract between the State of Louisiana and the World's Panama Exposition Company of Louisiana, and shall continue in force until the amount herein stated shall have been collected.

The World's Panama Exposition Company shall, on demand, render account to the Governor, Treasurer and Auditor of the State for all money received by it from the State Treasurer.

If upon the collection of the last year's taxes more than Four Million ($4,000,000) Dollars shall have been raised, or if after collecting a portion of the taxes herein provided for it shall have been determined that no exposition will be held at or near the City of New Orleans in celebration of the opening of the Panama Canal, then whatever money is collected, in excess of the Four Million ($4,000,000) Dollars as above provided, or whatever money is collected and paid into the Treasury before it is definitely determined that no exposition shall be held, thereupon all of said money shall be returned to the various parishes and the Parish of Orleans, in proportion to the amount contributed by each. The funds thus received by the various parishes of the State, including all funds accruing to said parishes under the provisions of the charter of the World's Panama Exposition Company, shall be used exclusively by said parishes for the building of good roads.

This amendment to the Constitution shall prevail over all other provisions of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, which may, directly or indirectly, conflict herewith, and shall be deemed to be self-executing and to confer directly the authority herein granted, without an enabling act of the Legislature.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That the official ballot to be used at the said election shall have printed thereon the words:

"For the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, levying a tax in aid of the exposition celebrating the opening of the Panama Canal,"

and the words:

"Against the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, levying a tax in aid of the exposition celebrating the opening of the Panama Canal,"

and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the General Election Laws of the State, whether he votes for or against the proposed amendment.

P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Approved: May 24th, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 14.

House Bill No. 34.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana so as to levy and authorize the collection of one-fourth of one mill on the assessed value of all the property in the State of Louisiana, for the creating of a road fund to construct and maintain public roads of 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 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, 1910, as follows:

A special tax of one-fourth of one mill on the dollar on the assessed value of all the property assessed for State taxation in the State of Louisiana is hereby assessed and levied, to be collected in the same manner and upon the same terms and conditions that other State taxes are assessed and collected for the purpose of creating a Road Fund with which to construct and keep in repair the State highways or public roads throughout the State with the necessary culverts, bridges and drains and all other appurtenances incident and accessory thereto.

This tax shall be considered a part of the present six-mill tax authorized to be levied by this Constitution.

This Article amending the Constitution shall be self-executing without the necessity of an enabling act of the Legislature, and shall have effect from the date of its adoption.

Section 2. 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 the Constitution of the State of Louisiana creating a Road Fund by levying one-fourth of one mill tax," and the words: "Against the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana creating a Road Fund by levying one-fourth of one mill tax."

And each elector shall indicate, as provided in the General Election laws of the State, whether he votes for or against the proposed amendment.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: June 15, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO, 75.

House Bill No. 274.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to Article 18 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, increasing the number of Representatives.

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, 1910, amending Article 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana so as to read as follows:

Article 18. Representation in the House of Representatives shall be equal and uniform, and shall be based upon population. Each parish and each ward of the city of New Orleans shall have at least one representative. At its first regular session after each United States census of 1910, and at its first regular session after each United States census thereafter, the General Assembly shall and it is hereby directed to reapportion the representation among the several parishes and representative districts on a basis of the total population shown by such census. A representative number shall be fixed, and each parish and representative district shall have as many representatives as such representative number is contained in the total number of the inhabitants of such parish or representative district, as shown by the last preceding United States census, and one additional representative for every fraction exceeding one-half the representative number. The number of representatives shall not be more than one hundred and twenty (120) nor less than ninety-eight (98), provided that when a new parish or parishes is or are created, as authorized by this Constitution, and the maximum number of representatives have been previously apportioned to other parishes, then that such new parish or parishes shall be assigned a representative each in addition to the maximum one hundred and twenty fixed herein, and to that extent the maximum shall be increased until the next apportionment of representatives is made by the General Assembly, at which time the maximum of one hundred and twenty shall be restored. That if there is more than one representative in a parish from which the larger portion of the territory is taken for the purpose of creating a new parish, one of such representatives may be apportioned to the new parish in the same act which creates the parish. That any act passed by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana at its session in 1910, creating a new parish or parishes and assigning a representative to each, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 2. 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 18 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, authorizing the increasing of the number of representatives under certain conditions," and each elector shall indicate as provided in the general election laws of the State whether he votes for or against the proposed amendment.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved June 29, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 133.

House Bill No. 43.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, giving the power to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans to erect and operate public warehouses.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all members elected to each House concurring, that the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans is hereby authorized to erect and operate warehouses and other structures necessary to the commerce of the Port of New Orleans, and to that end shall have the right to expropriate any property necessary for said purposes, and to pay for the same by issuing mortgage or mortgages, bond or bonds against the real estate and buildings erected thereon; said mortgage or mortgages, bond or bonds are to be paid out of the net receipts after the payment of operating expenses; and that the said Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans are empowered to fix charges for storage on all goods or merchandise.

The said Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans are empowered to issue receipts, negotiable or otherwise, for the property or merchandise in its charge or possession; provided, however, that they shall not be liable for a greater amount than the value of the buildings and land upon which the warehouse or warehouses are erected, for any transaction arising from the storage of merchandise thereon or otherwise.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That at the Congressional election to be held in this State on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1910, the foregoing amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be submitted to the electors of the State; that on the official ballots to be used at said election shall be placed the words, "For the Board of Commissioners Warehouse Amendment," and the words, "Against the Board of Commissioners Warehouse Amendment," and every elector shall indicate his vote on the proposed amendment as provided by the general election laws of this State.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved July 5, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 135.

House Bill No. 86.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana by amending Act No. 245, approved July 8, 1908, and approved by a majority of the electors of the State at the general Congressional election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1908, as a part of the Constitution of this State, the same being "A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to ratifying and carrying into effect an act of the Legislature regulating the care of neglected and delinquent children and for the trial of adults in certain cases, establishing a Juvenile Court in the Parish of Orleans, and providing for separate sessions, as Juvenile Courts of the District Courts, outside of said parish, and making other provisions cognate thereto, so as to suspend the same in so far as it affects all parishes outside of the Parish of Orleans, except parishes which contain an incorporated town of more than seven thousand inhabitants, and providing formalities by which the effect and operation of Act No. 83 of 1908 may be extended to other parishes and more fully declaring and defining the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Courts in regard to children and other persons who may be charged before said courts, and providing that said amendment, if adopted, shall go into effect on and after January 1, 1911.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each House concurring, That Act No. 245, approved July 8, 1908, adopted as part of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, at the general Congressional election held the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1908, being "A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to ratifying and carrying into effect an act of the Legislature regulating the care of neglected and delinquent children and for the trial of adults in certain cases, establishing a Juvenile Court in the Parish of Orleans, and providing for separate sessions, as Juvenile Courts of the District Courts outside of said parish and making other provisions cognate thereto, be so amended as to read as follows:

Act No. 83, adopted June 30, 1908, as amended by the act adopted by the Legislature at the regular session begun and held on May 9, 1910, regulating the care, treatment and control of neglected and delinquent children, seventeen years of age and under, and for the trial of adults charged with any violation of the laws protecting the physical, moral and mental well being of children or with desertion or failure to support wife or children; organizing the Juvenile Court in the Parish of Orleans, providing a judge and officers therefor; providing for seperate sessions, as Juvenile Courts, of the District Courts outside of said parish; defining the jurisdiction of said courts, and providing them with probation officers of either sex for indeterminate sentences by said courts and for appeals therefrom, and making other provisions cognate thereto, and suspending the same in so far as it affects all parishes outside of the Parish of Orleans, except parishes which contain an incorporated town of more than seven thousand inhabitants, and providing therein formalities by which the effect and operation of the Act No. 83 of 1908, as amended by the Act of the Legislature of 1910, herein referred to, may be extended to other parishes, and more fully declaring and defining the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Courts in regard to children and other persons who may be charged before said courts, providing said amendment, if adopted, shall go into effect on and after January 1, 1911, is hereby ratified and approved; and, further provided, that all provisions of the present Constitution in conflict with the provisions of said act, as amended, and this amendment are to that extent and for that purpose only repealed.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, That said proposed amendment be submitted to the electors of this State for their approval or rejection, as required by the Constitution of Louisiana, at the next general Congressional election to be held in this State on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1910.

This proposed amendment, if approved as a part of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, conformably to the requirements thereof, shall go into effect and operation on and after January 1, 1911.

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 Juvenile Court Amendment," and the words, "Against the Juvenile Court Amendment;" and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State, whether he votes for or against said amendment.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: July 5, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 136.

House Bill No. 132.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, creating and establishing the office of Assistant Attorney General of Louisiana; providing for the appointment of Assistant Attorneys General; prescribing their qualifications, powers and duties, and fixing their salaries.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of 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, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and the laws of this State, at the next election for Representatives in Congress, to be holden in November, 1910, to-wit: There shall be two Assistant Attorneys General for the State, who shall be appointed by the Attorney General, and be removable at his will.

They shall have the same qualifications as the Attorney General.

They shall take charge of and attend to all such legal matters as the State may be interested in, or be a party to, and shall prosecute and defend all suits wherein the State may be a party or may have an interest, when thereto assigned by the Attorney General, and shall generally do, perform and discharge all such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Attorney General; and they shall represent him and act for him and in his stead whenever he may be absent from the State, or be temporarily disabled, from any cause, from acting himself in any matter; and they shall discharge such other duties as may be imposed, and exercise such other powers as may be conferred by law on the Attorney General. They shall receive the following salaries, payable monthly on their own warrants, to-wit: One of them shall receive and be paid the sum of Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000), and the other shall receive the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($3,500).

Section 2. Be it further resolved, That if adopted at said election in November, 1910, this amendment shall go into effect and be operative on and after the first day of January, 1911.

Section 3. Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of this State, for their approval or rejection, as required by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana and the general election laws of the State, at the election for Representative in Congress to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1910.

Section 4. Be it further resolved, That, on the official ballots to be used at said election, there shall be placed the words, "For the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, creating and establishing the office of Assistant Attorney General," etc., and "Against the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana creating and establishing the office of Assistant Attorney General," etc., 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.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: July 5, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 154.

House Bill No. 209.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to Article 229 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

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, 1910, amending and re-enacting Article 229 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, so as to read as follows:

Article 229. The General Assembly may levy a license atx, and in such case shall graduate the amount of such tax to be collected from the person pursuing the several trades, professions, vocations and callings. All persons, associations of persons and corporations pursuing any trade, profession, business or calling may be rendered liable to such tax, except clerks, laborers, clergymen, school teachers, those engaged in mechanical, agricultural and horticultural pursuits, and manufacturers other than those of distilled alcoholic or malt liquors, tobacco, cigars and cotton seed oil.

Those engaged in the business of severing natural resources, as timber and minerals, from the soil or water, whether they thereafter convert them by manufacturing or not, may also be rendered liable to a license tax, but in this case the amount to be collected may either be graduated or fixed according to the quantity or value of the product at the place where it is severed.

No political corporation shall impose a greater license tax than is imposed by the General Assembly for the State purposes. This restriction shall not apply to dealers in distilled, alcoholic or malt liquors. The General Assembly shall have authority to provide that municipalities levying license taxes equal in amount to those levied by police juries for parochial purposes shall be exempted from the payment of such parochial licenses.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: July 6, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 197.

House Bill No. 326.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to Article Two Hundred and Eighty-One (281) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to the issuance of bonds for work of public improvements by municipal corporations, parishes and schools, drainage and sewerage districts, the City of New Orleans excepted, and the assessment of special taxes to pay for same.

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

Article 281. Municipal corporations, parishes or school, drainage, subdrainage, road, navigation, "or sewerage districts, the City of New Orleans excepted, hereinafter referred to as subdivisions," when authorized to do so, by a vote of a majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of this State, who vote at an election held for that purpose, after due notice of said election has been published for thirty (30) days in the official journal of the municipal corporation or parishes, and, where there is no official journal, in a newspaper published therein, may, "through their respective governing authorities," incur debt and issue negotiable bonds therefor, and each year, while any bonds issued to evidence said indebtedness 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 each year, or such amount as may be required for any sinking fund provided for the payment of said bonds at maturity; provided, that such special taxes for all purposes shall not in any year exceed ten (10) mills on the dollar 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 (30) days as aforesaid; or for a greater amount than therein mentioned; nor shall such bonds be issued for any other purpose than for constructing, improving and maintaining public roads and highways, paving and improving streets, roads and alleys, purchasing or constructing systems of water works, sewerage, 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 the 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 (5) per cent per annum or be sold for less than par. The total issue of bonds by any subdivision for all purposes shall never exceed ten (10) per centum of the assessed valuation of the property in such subdivisions.

Municipal councils shall have authority to create within their respective limits one or more sewerage districts, and nothing herein contained shall prevent drainage districts from being established under the laws of this State, shall, in addition to the powers hereinabove granted, have the further power and authority to levy and assess annual contributions or acreage taxes on all lands situated in such districts, for the purpose of providing and maintaining drainage systems, not exceeding fifty (50) cents per acre for a period not exceeding forty (40) years, when authorized to do so by a majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers of said district, qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of this State, who vote at an election held for that purpose and in the manner provided in the first part of this Article, and said drainage districts, through the Boards of Commissioners thereof, when authorized as hereinabove provided, "may incur debt and issue negotiable bonds therefor, payable in principal and interest out of and not to exceed in principal and interest the aggregate amount to be raised by said annual contributions or acreage taxes during the period for which the same are levied. No such drainage bonds shall be issued for any other purpose than that for which said contributions or acreage taxes were voted or run for a longer period than forty (40) years from their date, or bear a greater rate of interest than five (5) per cent per annum, or be sold for less than par.

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 the cost of drainage and reclaiming said land and incur debt against said land for an amount sufficient to drain and reclaim it, and issue for said debt negotiable bonds running not longer than forty (40) years from their date and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five (5) 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 and 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 the payment of said bonds at maturity; provided, that such forced contribution or acreage taxes, for all purposes, shall never exceed Three Dollars and Fifty Cents ($3.50) per acre per annum.

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 municipal corporations, for the purpose of paving or improving streets or alleys, or for other municipal improvements, after making provision for the payments of all statutory and ordinary charges, may fund into bonds running for a period not exceeding ten (10) years, and bearing interest at a rate 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.

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, 1910; 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 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.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: July 6, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 199.

House Bill No. 301.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, for the purpose of raising sufficient revenue for the carrying out of Article 303 of the Constitution, by imposing one-fifth of a mill upon the total State assessment for the use of the Confederate veterans under the provisions of Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, and provided that said one-fifth of a mill shall be taken from not more than a 6-mill State tax for all purposes under the rate of taxation of the State.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of 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, 1910, providing for the levying of one-fifth of a mill of the State tax for the purpose of supplementing the appropriation already for the pensioning of Confederate soldiers and their widows under the provisions of Article 303 of the Constitution, and providing that one-fifth of a mill shall not be construed as increasing the total rate of State taxation over six mills for all purposes, and provided that upon the adoption of this amendment same shall at once become self-operative and the funds derived therefrom immediately used for said purposes; and provided, further, that the tax collectors shall receive no commissions for collecting said one-fifth of a mill herein provided.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: July 6, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 257.

House Bill No. 160.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to the levying of a tax of not less than three mills on the dollar by parishes, cities or towns, for the support of the public schools of 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 the police juries of the several parishes and boards of trustees and municipal councils of incorporated cities and towns (the Parish of Orleans excepted), shall levy, collect and turn over to the parish school boards of their respective parishes, for the support of the public schools of their respective parishes, cities or towns, the proceeds of at least three mills of the annual tax which they are empowered to levy on each dollar of the assessed valuation of the property thereof; provided, that cities and towns that are not exempted by the terms of their charters from the payment of parish taxes and which are subjected to the similar burdens of taxation as are the parishes, shall not pay this tax, as same is included in the taxes imposed by the parish in which the town is situated, "unless the parish boards or the school directors of that parish certify that the needs of the schools can be met by a smaller levy of such taxes."

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That on the Congressional election to be held in this State on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1910, the foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the State shall be submitted to the electors of the State; that on the official ballot to be used at said election shall be placed the words, "For the three mills school tax," and the words, "Against the three mills school tax," and every elector shall indicate his vote on the proposed amendment, as provided by the general laws of this State.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: July 7, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 277.

Senate Bill No. 93.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to Article No. 86 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to qualifications of Justices of the Supreme Court, and to the fixing of their terms of office.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each House concurring, That Article 86 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be amended so as to read as follows:

Article 86. The Supreme Court shall be composed of one Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. The Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall each receive a salary of not less than Five Thousand Dollars per annum, payable monthly on their own warrants. They shall each be elected for a term of twelve years. In case of death, resignation, or removal from office of any Justice, the vacancy shall be filled by the selection by the Court of a Judge of one of the Courts of Appeal from a Supreme Court District other than that in which such vacancy shall occur, until the next ensuing congresional election, when it shall be filled by election for a full term of twelve years. They shall be citizens of the United States and of this State, over thirty-five years of age, learned in the law, and shall have practiced law in this State for ten years preceding their election, or appointment.

The Chief Justice or any of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court may retire on full pay when he shall have reached seventy-five years of age, provided said Justice has served continually, not less than fifteen years prior to his said retirement; provided further that any Justice affected by this paragraph shall serve until his successor shall be elected and qualified.

The Legislature shall provide by proper appropriation for the salaries of retired Justices in the same manner as it provides for other judicial expenses.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, That the above amendment be submitted to the electorate of this State for approval or rejection at the general election for congressmen to be held in November, 1910, and that the Secretary of State be directed to insert upon the ballot to be used in said election, W N U....]FIVE and in the proper column, the following "For the proposed amendment to Article 86 of the Constitution relative to the Justices of the Supreme Court"; and the words: "Against the proposed amendment to Article 86 of the Constitution relative to Justices of the Supreme Court," and each elector shall indicate his vote on the proposed amendment as provided by the general election laws of this State.

P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Approved: July 7, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 279.

Senate Bill No. 137.

AN ACT

Submitting to the people of the State of Louisiana, at the congressional election to be held in Novebmer, 1910, an amendment to the constitution exempting from taxation for fifteen years from the date of full cash payment of their capital stock domestic steamship companies engaged in foreign commerce, and fixing the conditions of such exemption.

Whereas, the City of New Orleans is the natural gateway of the Mississippi Valley through which should pass the commerce of that greatest and most virile section of this republic; and

Whereas, the completion of the Panama Canal will give an enormous stimulus to trade and commerce between the Mississippi Valley and Orient and the west coast of South America and of our own country; and

Whereas, the people of the Mississippi Valley and of the whole South must be prepared to take immediate advantage of this new channel of trade, lest the vast field which it opens be taken possesion of by the maritime rivals of this country; and

Whereas, great steamship companies domiciled in New Orleans are the only and the absolutely necessary means whereby trade and commerce between the Mississippi Valey and the countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean may be promoted and conserved for our own country; and

Whereas, the State proposes to tax herself to promote a great world's exposition at New Orleans to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal, and it is the State's duty to encourage and promote the organization of such great steamship companies in aid and in furtherance of this project.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each branch thereof concurring, that at the congressional election to be held in this State on Tuesday, November 8, 1910, the following amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the electors of the State, to-wit:

"Steamship companies organized as hereinafter set forth, together with their capital stock and all their property, corporeal and incorporeal, shall be exempt from all taxes and licenses, State, Parish, Levee and Municipal, both general and special, exclusive of wharfage, shed or levee dues, for fifteen years from the date of filing with the Secretary of State proof that their authorized capital stock has been paid in full in cash.

No such steamship company shall have the benefit of this constitutional provision except upon the following conditions:

First—That such company shall have been organized and the bulk of its authorized capital stock paid in cash within two years from January 1, 1911.

Second—That such company shall be domiciled in the City of New Orleans, or in some other port of this State.

Third—That such company shall have a capital stock of at least three million dollars, payable only in cash.

Fourth—That it shall be provided in the charter of the company that no corporation, or firm, or individual shall own or control either directly or indirectly, more than one-twentieth of the capital stock of the company; and that all pooling agreements and voting trusts between the stockholders to control the corporation shall be absolutely null and void and no stock held in any such pool or voting trust shall ever be voted at any corporate election or meeting.

Fifth—That the capital stock of each company shall be open to public subscription by public advertisement in New Orleans newspapers for at least three months before the books are closed, and if over-subscribed shall be apportioned among the subscribers.

Sixth—That all vessels operated by said company shall be common carriers on every voyage unless the whole capacity of the ship shall be chartered for a particular voyage, for a particular purpose.

It shall be lawful for companies so organized in addition to the powers now provided by the laws of the State to incorporate into their charters all or any of the following powers:

First—To build, charter or purchase vessels.

Second—To insure goods, wares and merchandise carried in their own bottoms against fire and perils of the sea.

Third—To build, own, rent and operate shipyards, docks, piers, wharves and warehouses for the transaction of their business.

Fourth—To trade with foreign countries, including the foreign possessions of the United States, by exporting cargo carried thereto in their own vessels, and to import from foreign countries, including the foreign possessions of the United States, in their own vessels cargo for sale or exchange in the United States, but no ship of such company shall be laden with the company's own cargo to the exclusion of cargo offered for such voyage by the general public, and such cargo offered by the general public shall have preference on all voyages for which it is offered.

Fifth—To authorize corporations, foreign and domestic, to subscribe to and own shares of their capital stock, not however in excess of the limitation above provided.

No leased property or chartered ship shall be within the exemption herein granted, nor shall vessels of such corporations operated in the coasting trade of the United States, or operated between ports of the United States, other than Louisiana ports, and foreign countries, not including the foreign possessions of the United States, be within the exemption herein granted. One such voyage in any year shall subject the vessel making the voyage to taxation for that year.

The proof above required to be filed with the Secretary of State that the authorized capital stock has been paid in cash shall be the joint affidavit of the president and secretary of the company to that effect, accompanied by a verified trial balance of the company's books.

Each of said corporations shall possess the power of eminent domain for the purpose of acquiring land on which to erect a plant to build and repair vessels.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That on the official ballot to be used at said election shall be placed the words:

"For the amendment exempting domestic steamship companies from all taxation for Fifteen Years under certain conditions,"

and the words:

"Against the amendment exempting domestic steamship companies from all taxation for Fifteen Years under certain conditions."

And each elector shall indicate his vote on the proposed amendment as provided in the general election laws of this State.

P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Approved: July 7, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 303.

House Bill No. 368.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, amending Article 46 of the Constitution of 1898, so as to authorize the Board of Liquidation to issue new bonds to retire or refund the State bonded indebtedness due January 1, 1914.

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 of 1898, 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, 1910, amending Article 46 of the Constitution of 1898 so as to read as follows:

Article 46. The General Assembly shall have no power to contract or to authorize the contraction of any debt or liability on behalf of the State, or to issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness thereof, except for the purposes of repelling invasion or for the suppression 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 of Louisiana is given authority to issue Eleven Million One Hundred and Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars of new bonds of the State of Louisiana, bearing a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually and to be due and payable in fifty years, to be sold and the proceeds realized therefrom used in extinguishing the bonded indebtedness of the State due January 1, 1914; provided that said bonds shall not be sold or exchanged for less than par.

The State Board of Liquidation is given full power and authority to carry out the provisions of this amendment.

There shall be levied an annual tax sufficient for the full payment of the interest of said debt during the life of the bonds herein authorized, and the full faith and credit of the State is hereby pledged to the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That the official ballot shall have printed thereon:

"For the proposed amendment to Article 46 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to the State bonded indebtedness,"

And the words:

"Against the proposed amendment to Article 46 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to the State bonded indebtedness."

And each elector shall here indicate, as provided in the general election law of this State, whether he votes for or against the proposed amendment.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: July 7, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 311.

Senate Bill No. 133.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 107 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all members elected to each house concurring, That an tmendment to the