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PROMULGATION.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana by the General Assembly in 1890.

STATE OF LOUISIANA. }
Office of the Secretary of State. }
In pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution, publication is hereby made and given to the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of this State, which have been concurred in by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the General Assembly of this State, at the regular session thereof, held at the City of Baton Rouge in the year 1890, and which are required to be published for the information of the electors of this State for three months preceding the next election for Representatives, and which proposed amendments more fully appear in the Joint Resolutions Nos. 110 and 154, which are hereinafter officially published for the information of the qualified electors of this State, and which will be submitted to them for their approval or rejection, at the next general election which will be held on Tuesday the 19th day of April, 1892, (it being the Tuesday next following the third Monday of said month) in such manner and form that the qualified electors may vote for or against each amendment separately; and if a majority of the qualified electors, voting at said election, shall approve and ratify all or either of said proposed amendments, then such proposed amendments, or either of them, so approved and ratified, shall become a part of the Constitution of this State.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 110—AMENDMENT NO. 1.

"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for the funding of the bonded debt of the city of New Orleans, other than Premium Bonds, into four per cent bonds; providing a special tax of one per cent, to pay the bonded debt of the city, and exempting the said four per cent, bonds from taxation, and further authorizing the said city to assume and pay such unpaid claims of the Board of School Directors of said city and parish which it may find to be equitably due by said board."

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each house concurring, That the following amendments to the Constitution of the State be submitted to the electors of the State at the next election for Representatives for the General Assembly in the year 1892, for the purpose of retiring the now existing valid outstanding bonds of the city of New Orleans, including the bond certificates or bonds issued under the act of the Legislature No. 58 of 1882 and to retire judgments now or hereafter rendered against the city on floating debt claims prior to 1879, entitled to be funded under act No. 67 of 1884, the said city of New Orleans is hereby authorized and directed, on and after the adoption of this amendment, to issue through the Board of Liquidation of the City Debt, bonds to be known as the Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans, not exceeding ten millions of dollars, at fifty years, bearing four per cent, per annum interest, to bear date and be in the form prescribed by the Legislature. The said bonds shall be applied by the said board to the retirement of said outstanding bonds and judgments, by the sale of said Constitutional Bonds, and application of the proceeds of sale by the Board of Liquidation, to pay or purchase said outstanding bonds and judgments, or by exchanging the said Constitutional Bonds for bonds, on the terms and in the mode prescribed by the Legislature. For the payment of the interest and principal at maturity, of said Constitutional Bonds, and other outstanding bonds not retired under this amendment, and for payment of the annual allotments and premiums of the Premium Bonds of said city, the said city is hereby authorized and directed to levy annually, and until the full payment of said bonds, a special tax of one per cent, on all the real and personal property of the city, said tax to be part of, and not in addition to the tax of twenty mills and two-tenths of a mill on the dollar of valuation now levied for all purposes by the city of New Orleans, and the said tax shall be paid over as collected to, and be applied by the Board of Liquidation, to the payment of the interest and principal at maturity of said Constitutional Bonds, and outstanding bonds not retired, and to the payment of the allotments of Premium Bonds and premiums extant, in the hands of holders. Said tax is hereby declared to be the contract right of the holders of all said bonds; and the exemption of said Constitutional Bonds from all taxation by the City of New Orleans and State of Louisiana is hereby recognized and declared, and after payment of all the annual interest on said Constitutional Bonds, and bonds not retired and the payment of the said annual allotments of Premium Bonds and premiums extant in the hands of holders, and after making provisions for a sinking fund, at such time and of such an amount as the Legislature prescribes, the surplus of said one per cent, shall be disposed of as prescribed by the Legislature. The act passed at the present session No. 36 entitled "An act to carry into effect the Constitutional amendment passed at the present session relative to the bonded debt of the City of New Orleans, etc., be and is hereby approved and confirmed in all its parts as a contract between the City of New Orleans and the holders of said Constitutional Bonds and of the bonds outstanding not retired as aforesaid. SECTION 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That the city of New Orleans be and is hereby authorized and empowered to examine into and assume the payment of the claims or obligations of the Board of School Directors for the city and parish of Orleans due for the years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884, now in the hands of original owners, who have in nowise parted with their right of ownership or pledged the same as may be found to be equitably due by said board for services rendered, labor performed or materials furnished by authority of said board. SECTION 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That all electors voting at said election for said amendment shall place upon their ballots the words, "For the city of New Orleans debt amendment," and the electors voting at said election against said amendment shall place on their ballots the words, "Against the City of New Orleans debt amendment."

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SECTION 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That all electors voting at said election for said amendment shall place upon their ballots the words, "For the city of New Orleans debt amendment," and the electors voting at said election against said amendment shall place on their ballots the words, "Against the City of New Orleans debt amendment."

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 154—AMENDMENT NO. 2.

"Proposing to submit to the electors of this State an amendment to article two hundred twenty-nine (229) of the Constitution of 1879, relative of Public Education."

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 article two hundred and twenty-nine of the Constitution of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows, viz:

Article 229.—The school funds of the State shall consist of: 1. The proceeds of taxation for school purposes as provided in this Constitution; 2. The interest on the proceeds of all public lands heretofore and hereafter owned by the State; 3. Of lands and other property which may hereafter be bequeathed, granted or donated to the State or generally for school purposes; 4. All funds or property (other than improved lands), bequeathed or granted to the State, of Louisiana. The Legislature may appropriate to the same funds the proceeds, in whole or in part, of public lands not designated for other purpose, and shall provide that every parish, or every school ward in each parish, may levy a tax for the public schools therein, which shall not exceed five (5) mills on the dollar, the vote on such tax to be decided by a majority of the property tax payers of each parish or each school ward or municipality in each parish, in value and in number voting at said election, and all moneys so collected to be expended in the school ward where levied. All elections under this act shall be ordered by the Police Jury in the parish in which the tax is proposed to be levied. SECTION 2. Be it further resolved, That the above amendment to article two hundred and twenty-nine (229) be submitted to the citizens of this State at the next general election for their approval or rejection, and that upon all ballots cast at that election for State or parish officers there shall be printed these words: "For amendment to article 229 of the Constitution." "Against amendment to article 229 of the Constitution."

Witness my signature and the seal of the State of Louisiana at the City of Baton Rouge, this 20th day of Nov. 1891. L. F. MASON, Secretary of State.

PROMULGATION

OF THE Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1890.

STATE OF LOUISIANA. }
Office of the Secretary of State. }
In pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution, publication is hereby made and given to the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of this State, which have been concurred in by two-thirds of all the members elected to each House of the General Assembly of this State, at the regular session thereof, held at the City of Baton Rouge, in the year 1890, and which are required to be published for the information of the qualified electors of this State for three months preceding the general election for Representatives and which proposed amendment more fully appears in Act No. 153, of the Regular Session of 1890, which is hereafter officially published for the information of the qualified electors of this State, and which will be submitted to them for their approval or rejection at the next general election, which will be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1892 (it being the Tuesday next following the third Monday of this month) in such manner and form that the qualified electors may vote for or against said amendment, and if a majority of the qualified electors voting at said election, shall approve and ratify said proposed amendment, then such proposed amendment, so approved and ratified, shall become a part of the Constitution of this State.

NO. 153. AN ACT

Providing for the submission to the electors of the state, for adoption or rejection, an amendment to the constitution of the state by inserting therein, "An article on levees, schools, charities, pensions, drainage, lotteries and general fund."

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Louisiana, that the following amendment to the constitution of the state be submitted to the electors for approval or rejection, as provided in article two hundred and fifty-six of the constitution, and if adopted the said amendment shall read as follows: Article on levees, schools, charities, pensions, drainage, lotteries and general fund. In aid of the levees, schools, charities, pensions, drainage and general fund hereinafter named, the following contract is now made: In consideration of the sum of thirty-one millions, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be fully secured and paid as hereinafter provided, John A. Morris, his heirs, agents and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered for the term of twenty-five years ensuing the first day of January, 1891, to prepare schemes of lotteries, to sell lottery tickets and to draw and conduct lotteries in this state. Said sum shall be paid to the treasurer of the state by the persons conducting the business pursuant to this contract in one hundred equal installments, whereof each installment shall be paid on or before the first days of January, April, July and October in each and every year during said term; and the treasurer upon the receipt of each of said installments shall apply the same as follows: To the public schools of the state: Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually, payable quarterly in advance, as above provided, which sum shall be distributed to each parish in the proportion prescribed by article two hundred and twenty-four of the constitution. To levees: Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually, payable quarterly in advance, as above provided, which sum shall be distributed among the levee districts of the state or applied to levee purposes in the proportions and in the manner provided by law for the distribution and application of the one-mill tax levied under article 213 of the constitution. To charities: One hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually, payable quarterly in advance, as above provided, of which sum eighty thousand dollars shall be applied to the hospitals established by the state, forty thousand dollars to state insane asylums, twenty-five thousand dollars to state institutions for the deaf, dumb and blind, and five thousand dollars to the Soldiers' Home. To pensions: Fifty thousand dollars annually, payable quarterly in advance, as above provided, to the pensioning of disabled, infirm or indigent confederate soldiers, citizens resident in Louisiana. To the city of New Orleans, for drainage and other sanitary purposes: One hundred thousand dollars annually, payable quarterly in advance, as above provided, the expenditure of said sum, and the management and control of the same to be determined by the General Assembly, which is hereby directed to carry into effect this provision by appropriate legislation. To the general fund: Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually, payable quarterly in advance, as above provided. The several sums of money above specified shall be devoted to the objects and purposes hereinbefore stated, and the General Assembly is hereby directed to carry into effect this provision by appropriate legislation.

Said John A. Morris, his heirs or agents shall within twenty days from the date of the adoption of this article file in the office of the Secretary of State a written acceptance by him or them of this contract. And for the protection of the state and the security of the public this contract is made upon the express condition that said John A. Morris, his heirs or agents shall within thirty days from the date of the adoption of this article file in the office of the Secretary of State a declaration in writing, signed by him or them and six other persons, signifying their consent to form the corporation hereinafter named, and the said John A. Morris shall file therewith his bond with good and solvent sureties, residents of this state, in the sum of five million dollars, said bond to be in favor of and accepted by the Auditor of the state. The condition of said bond shall be that the said Morris, his agents or assigns, shall pay to the state of Louisiana the said sum of thirty-one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars at the date and in the manner herein set out, and shall faithfully perform all the obligations herein contained, and thereupon the persons signing the said declaration shall be thereby constituted a corporation under the name and title of "The Louisiana Lottery Company," whereof the capital stock shall be five million dollars, represented by fifty thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, at least twenty per cent thereof to be forthwith fully paid up, and which corporation shall be and continue during the period of this contract, and shall have all the rights and powers possessed by corporations generally as defined by the present civil code of the state, and shall be liable for the moneys herein directed to be paid to the Treasurer of the state, and for all prizes to be drawn in said lotteries, and shall be entitled to receive semi-annually from the persons conducting the business under this contract fifty per cent. of the net profits of the said business. And in consideration of the payment of said sum of thirty-one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in installments as aforesaid, said corporation and the shares of stock therein, and the business authorized by this contract, and the revenues and receipts thereof, shall be exempt from all taxes, fines, assessments, impositions and licenses of any kind whatever, whether state, parish, municipal or otherwise. The powers of said corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, to consist of seven persons, who may make and establish rules and by-laws for the proper management and regulation of its affairs. The persons signing said declaration shall constitute the first board of directors, and shall serve for the term of one year from the time of the filing of said declaration and until their successors are duly appointed. All lotteries other than those authorized by this article are prohibited in this state, unless by similar amendment to this constitution and for not less than one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars per an-

num. All provisions of the constitution and laws of this state inconsistent or in any way conflicting with this article are declared to be superseded hereby.

SECTION II.—Be it further enacted, that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to publish the foregoing proposed amendment in accordance with the provisions of article two hundred and fifty-six of the constitution within ninety days after the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one.

SECTION III.—Be it further enacted, That at the next general election all electors who desire to vote for said amendment shall write or print upon their ballots the words, "For the Levees, Schools, Charities, Pensions, Drainage, Lotteries and General Fund amendment," and all electors who desire to vote at said election against said amendment shall write or print upon their ballots the words, "Against the Levees, Schools, Charities, Pensions, Drainage, Lotteries and General Fund amendment."

SECTION IV.—Be it further enacted, That all officers charged with elections or the conduct of the returns thereof under the general election laws, shall at the time they give notice of the said general election also give notice of the election herein ordered for the adoption or rejection of the proposed amendment, and shall without other direction or authority than is herein contained make due returns of said election in conformity with the general election laws in so far as they are not inconsistent with or in conflict with this act.

S. P. HENRY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JAMES JEFFRIES, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Witness my signature and the seal of the State of Louisiana at the city of Baton Rouge, this 26th day of August, 1891.

L. F. MASON, Secretary of State.

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The Song of the Dying Swan.

With the same beautiful unanimity which characterized their onslaught on the fair fame of Louisiana and her trusted leaders, the paid singers of the lottery's praises now lift up their voices for Democratic harmony. Erstwhile, in their vociferous demands for the gamblers'

gold, one emulated the roaring of the lion, one the dismal howling of the mongrel cur, while still another attuned his voice to the vibrant melody of the braying ass; now, all pipe the song of the dying swan!

How the T. D., grown fat on the felons and the gambler's pelf clawed the circumambient air, shook its flowing mane and roared when Louisiana's patriotic sons spurned with scorn the tempter's bribe! How the old Pic., flattered by the social courtesies of Westchester and dreading the withdrawal of princely patronage, made the atmosphere heavy with its scull howling when the people refused to humble themselves before the giver of a paltry horse-trough, paid for out of the millions of dollars pilfered from the pockets of the poor!

How the Daily States flapped its long ears and drowned the curfew with its asinine din, because there were found in these degenerate days, men whose necks refused to wear the golden collar, it wore with so much complacency!

Alas, alas! in one short night the apple of discord which they clutched with such avidity withered in their grasp, a Dead Sea fruit; their E] Dorado closed its golden gates upon them, as if by magic, and they lay, like their prototype of old, cast out of paradise into the hall of uncertainty and despair. Like him hurried from the glories of heaven, they put on the mesh of cunning and seek to rob the elect of their heritage.

Could anything be more touchingly beautiful than the spectacle of these vanquished victims of their own greed, hold out the olive branch of peace to their conquerors and inviting them to surround the fruits of their well earned victory. Oh! for the master-hand of the immortal Dore to portray this recurring scene of Paradise lost. Thanks, awfully, gentlemen gamblers, your generosity is only surpassed by the munificence of your forbearing and most patriotic masters, whose condescending letter of withdrawal—from the nether millstone touches us deeply.

Think not for one moment that he will even be forgotten by a grateful people, his name will be a household word for ages to come, even as the other fallen angel. His organ-in-chief, the T. D., tells us that all differences within the party must cease; that the people need rest; well, we accept the suggestion and the anti will see to it that some people have a rest—for the next four years, at least—and a few a long rest, if they persist in their blood and thunder racket.

Sons of Louisiana, you who have fought the good fight against the flesh and the devil, the day of your deliverance is at hand. Yield not one leaflet from your laurel crown; guard it with the same courage that won it; place it firmly upon the brow of your gallant leader, Murphy J. Foster, and a grateful country will hail you, heroes!—N. O. Truth.