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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 9th 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. 53 of 1882 and to retire judgments now or hereafter rendered against the city on floating debt claims prior to 1874, entitled to be funded under act No. 47 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 in the hands of holders, 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 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 in the hands of holders, and after making provision 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. 31, entitled "An act to carry into effect the Constitutional amendment passed at the present session relative to the bond 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 no wise 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."

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 1878, relative to 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 to be sold, and the proceeds of the sale of the same; 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 purposes, 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 amendment to the Constitution of this State, which has 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 is 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 ending the first day of January, 1892, 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 thereof, and the business authorized by this contract, and the revenues and receipts thereof, shall be exempt from all taxes, fines, assessments, impositions and fees 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,
Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate.

Witness my signature and the seal of the State of Louisiana at the City of Baton Rouge, this 20th day of August, 1891.

L. F. MASON,
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A Valuable but Neglected Fruit.

That the olive should receive such scanty attention from the fruit growers of southwest Louisiana, is due, I am sure, to the fact that they are unacquainted with this useful and valuable fruit. Many are of the opinion that it will stand no frost, while the fact is, the olive will grow and fruit where the orange would not live through the winter at all; in fact, it will stand 10 degrees lower temperature than the orange.

California has advanced much more in olive culture than any other State. In 1872 it began to receive marked attention, and since then olive growing has become one of the leading industries of the State, not confined to the southern part, but extensive groves have been set out near San Francisco and even in Shasta country.

In the Gulf States with but few exceptions olive growing has not received any attention. Florida has a few groves and at Ocean Springs, Miss., there is one grove of 1400 bearing trees that gives promise of both pleasure and profit to its owner.

Another reason why the olive has been neglected here is the people are not, as a rule, familiar with the advantages it offers. We are apt to thing of it as a fruit to be grown more as a curiosity than an article of food. Besides its use for the manufacture of oil, the olive is very valuable as a substitute for "meat." It has been proven that more manual labor can be performed on a diet of olives than any kind of meat. There are many varieties grown but the favorite in this country seems to be Picholine, which has many good qualities.

I have some trees on my place two years old that have grown fairly well, and have just passed through the coldest time we have had for six years, without the loss of a leaf. I believe the tree perfectly hardy for our section, and would advise more liberal planting in the future.

C. D. OTT.

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