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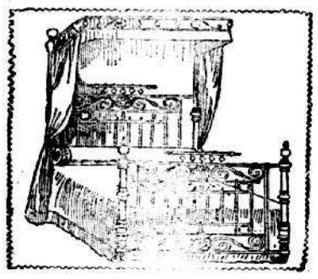

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At H. Theall's store, 4th ward, Saturday, Aug 16.
At Farmer's Alliance's hall, 5th ward, Monday, Aug. 18.
At A. C. Guilbeau's hall, 6th ward, Wednesday, Aug. 20.
At H. Simoneaux's, 6th ward, Thursday, Aug. 21.
At Pillette school-house, 7th ward, Friday, Aug. 22.
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Aug. 2, 1902.

Proposed Amendments

To the Constitution, To Be Voted for at Election

To Be Held Tuesday, November 4.

Senate Bill No. 51.

Act No. 56.)

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 47 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to rectifying and approving agreements or contracts for works of public improvements made or entered into by the City of New Orleans prior to the 12th day of May 1902, and to authorize the City of New Orleans to make all payments thereunder in accordance with the terms and under the conditions thereof.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, That the following amendment to Article 47 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be submitted to the electors of the State at the next Congressional election to be holden on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1902, to-wit:

That Article 47 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be amended so as to read as follows, to wit:

"Article 47: The General Assembly shall have no power to grant or authorize any parish or municipal authority to grant any extra compensation, fee or allowance to a public officer, agent, servant, or contractor, nor pay, nor authorize the payment of any claim against the State or any parish or municipality thereof, under any agreement of contract made without express authority of law; and all such unauthorized agreements or contracts shall be null and void, but all agreements or contracts for work of public improvements made or entered into by the City of New Orleans prior to the twelfth of May 1902 are hereby ratified and approved and the City of New Orleans is hereby authorized to make all payments provided for in said contracts in accordance with the terms and under the conditions set forth in said contracts.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That on the official ballots to be used at said election shall be placed the words "For the proposed amendment to Article 47 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana;" and the words "Against the amendment to Article 47 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana;" and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State, which of the propositions, "for" or "against" he votes for.

(Signed.) J. Y. SANDERS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed.) ALBERT ESTOPINAL,
Lieutenant Governor.

Approved: June 26, A. D. 1902.
W. W. HEARD,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

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

Senate Bill No. 114.

Act No. 83.)

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana by repealing and abrogating Article One Hundred and Ninety-eight (198) thereof.

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 at the next Congressional election to be holden therein on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1902, as follows: That Article 198 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, which reads as follows: No person less than sixty years of age shall be permitted to vote at any election in the state who shall not, in addition to the qualifications above prescribed, have paid on or before the 31st day of December of each year, for the two years preceding the year in which he offers to vote, a poll tax of one dollar per annum, to be used exclusively for the public schools of the parish in which such tax shall have been collected, which tax is hereby imposed on every male citizen of this State between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years. Poll taxes shall be a lien only upon assessed property, and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property.

Every person liable for such tax shall, before being allowed to vote, exhibit to the Commissioners of Election his poll tax receipts for two years, issued on the official form, or duplicates thereof, in the event of loss, or proof of payment of such poll taxes may be made by a certificate of the tax collector, which shall be sent to the Commissioners of the several voting precincts, showing a list of those who have paid said two years poll taxes as above provided, and the dates of payment. It is hereby declared to be forgery, and punishable as such, for any tax collector or other person, to antedate, or alter, a poll tax receipt. Any person who shall pay the poll tax of another or advance him money for that purpose, in order to influence his vote, shall be guilty of bribery and punished accordingly. The provisions of this section as to the payment of poll taxes shall not apply to persons who are deaf and dumb, or blind, nor to persons under twenty-three years of age, who have paid all poll taxes assessed against them. This section shall not go into operation until after the general State election to be held in the year 1909, and the Legislature elected in the year 1908 shall have authority to repeal or modify the same;" be and the same is hereby repealed, abrogated and stricken from the Constitution of this State.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That the official ballots to be used at said Congressional election shall have printed thereon the words "For the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana repealing and abrogating Article 198 of the Constitution" and the words "against the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana repealing and abrogating Article 198 of the Constitution;" and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State, whether he votes for or against the proposed amendment.

(Signed.) J. Y. SANDERS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed.) ALBERT ESTOPINAL,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: July 5, A. D. 1902.
W. W. HEARD,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

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

House Bill No. 328.

Act No. 126.)

AN ACT

Joint resolution proposing amendments to Articles 85, 98, 99, 100, 105 and 131 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the Judiciary Department.

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 Article 85 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana to be so amended as to read as follows:

Article 85. The Supreme Court, except as hereinafter provided, shall have appellate jurisdiction only, which jurisdiction shall extend to all cases where the matter in dispute, or the fund to be distributed, whatever may be the amount therein claimed, shall exceed Five Thousand Dollars, exclusive of interest; to suit of divorce and separation from bed and board, and to all matters arising therein; to suits involving alimony, for the nullity of marriage, or for interdiction; to all matters of adoption, emancipation, legitimacy, and custody of children; to suits involving homestead exemptions, and to all cases in which the constitutionality or legality of any local assessment, tax, toll, or impost whatever, or of any fine, forfeiture, or penalty imposed by a municipal corporation, shall be in contestation, whatever may be the amount thereof, and to all cases wherein the constitutionality or legality of any ordinance of a municipal corporation or a law of this State is called in question, and in such cases the appeal on the law and the facts shall be directly from the court in which the case originated to the Supreme Court; and in criminal cases in questions of law alone, whenever the punishment of death or imprisonment at hard labor may be inflicted, or a fine exceeding Three Hundred Dollars, or imprisonment exceeding six months, is actually imposed. Said Court shall have such original jurisdiction as may be necessary to enable it to determine questions of facts affecting its own jurisdiction in any case pending before it, or it may remand the case, and shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in all matters touching professional misconduct of members of the bar, with power to disbar under such rules as may be adopted by the Court.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That Article 98 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be so amended as to read as follows:

Article 98. The courts of appeal, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, shall have appellate jurisdiction only, which jurisdiction shall extend to all cases, civil or probate, when the matter in dispute or the fund to be distributed shall exceed One Hundred Dollars, exclusive of interest, and shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars, exclusive of interest and such appeal shall be upon the law and the facts.

Section 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That Article 99 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be so amended as to read as follows:

Article 99. The Courts of Appeal shall consist each of Three Judges. They shall be citizens of the United States, learned in the law, and shall have practiced law in this State for six years, and shall have been actual residents of the Circuit from which they are appointed or elected for at least two years, next preceding their appointment or election. They shall each receive a salary of Four Thousand Dollars per annum, payable monthly on their own warrants.

Section 4. Be it further resolved, etc., That Article 100 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be so amended as to read as follows:

Article 100. Exclusive of the Parishes composing the Court of Appeal for the Parish of Orleans, elsewhere provided for, the State shall be divided into two circuits, until otherwise provided by law, the Parishes of East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Livingston, Tangipahoa, Washington, St. Helena, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Point Coupee, Iberville, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Assumption, Lafourche, Ascension, Calcasieu, Cameron, Vermilion, Lafayette, Iberia, St. Martin, St. Tammany and Acadia, shall compose the first Circuit, and to be known as the "Court of Appeals, First Circuit, State of Louisiana;" and the parishes of Caddo Bossier, Webster, Bienville, Claiborne, Union, Lincoln, Jackson, Caldwell, Winn, Natchitoches, Sabine, DeSoto, Red River, Ouachita, Richland Franklin, Catahoula, Concordia, Tensas, Madison, East Carroll, West Carroll, Morehouse, Avoyelles, St. Landry, Rapides, Grant and Vernon, shall compose the Second Circuit, and to be known as the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, State of Louisiana." From each of said Circuits there shall be appointed, and elected as hereinafter provided three judges. The First Court of Appeals to be organized in the circuits herein described, under this amendment to the Constitution, shall be as follows: The Judges of the present Court of Appeal of the Third and Fourth Circuits, as organized under the Constitution of 1879, and the Judge appointed under the authority of Act No. 7 of 1900, to fill the vacancy in the Fifth Circuit, shall constitute the Court of Appeals, First Circuit of Louisiana, until the first day of July, 1904, when three judges shall be appointed for said circuit; by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate whose term shall expire one on December 1, 1908, one on December 1, 1906, and one on December 1, 1904; and the Governor shall state in the commission of each judge the term for which he is appointed, and the judges of the present Court of Appeals of the First and Second Circuits, as organized under the Constitution of 1879, together with an additional judge to be appointed by the Governor of Louisiana, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to serve until July 1, 1904, and shall constitute the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, of Louisiana, until the 1st day of July, 1904, when three judges shall be appointed for said Circuit; whose commission shall expire one on December 1, 1908, one December 1, 1906, and one on December 1, 1904, and the Governor shall designate in the commission of each the term for which said judge is appointed, and upon the expiration of the term of office of each of the judges thus appointed, his successor shall be elected for a term of eight years. The election herein provided for shall take place at the same time that representatives in Congress are elected, the first of said election being in November, 1904, and the judges appointed under this act shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. In case of death, resignation, or removal from office of any judge, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term of said judge. Until otherwise provided by the General Assembly, the Court of Appeals of the First Circuit shall hold sessions of Court at Baton Rouge, Amite City, New Iberia, Crowley, Thibodaux and Lake Charles, and such other places as may be designated by said Court of Appeals; and the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit shall hold sessions of court at Shreveport, Monroe, Opelousas, and Alexandria, and such other places as may be designated by said Courts of Appeals. The terms of Court to be held at said places from the first Monday of October to the end of June of each year, and said court shall convene at the different return places herein named as the public business may require, and shall keep their Court in session until the cases before them are heard and finally determined. The time and place to which appeals shall be made returnable from the Parishes in said Circuit to be fixed by said Court, until otherwise regulated by law.

Section 5. Be it further resolved, etc., That Article 105 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be so amended as to read as follows:

Article 105. The Clerk of the District Courts of the Parish in which the sessions of the Courts of Appeal are held, shall serve as Clerk of the Court of Appeals, and shall attend sessions of said Court either in person or by deputy and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals for the Parish of Orleans shall remain as now fixed by the Constitution, until otherwise provided by the General Assembly. The cost of appeal in any case appealed to the Court of Appeals shall not exceed Six Dollars. The Police Juries of the various Parishes of the State in which the Courts of Appeals are held, shall provide suitable rooms for the holding of such Courts, so as not to interfere with the sessions of the District or other Courts.

Section 6. Be it further resolved, etc., That Article 131 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be amended so as to read as follows:

Article 131. There shall be a Court of Appeal known and designated as the Court of Appeal for the Parish of Orleans, which shall be composed of three judges, who shall be learned in the law and who shall have practiced law in this State for six years, and shall have been residents of one of the Parishes hereinafter named for at least two years next preceding that election, and they shall be elected for a term of twelve years. The said Court, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, shall have appellate jurisdiction only, which jurisdiction shall extend to all cases, civil or probate, when the matter in dispute, or the funds to be distributed, shall exceed One Hundred Dollars, exclusive of interest, and shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars, exclusive of interest. No judgment shall be rendered by the Court of Appeal for the Parish of Orleans without the concurrence of two judges, except as herein otherwise provided. When two judges cannot concur for any reason, the court shall have authority to call upon any judge or judges of the District Court within its territory of jurisdiction, whose duty it shall be when called upon to aid in the determination of the case; or it may request a judge or judges of the Courts of Appeals to aid in the determination of the case. Said Courts shall also have jurisdiction of all appeals from the City Courts of the City of New Orleans, and all appeals from the said City Courts shall be tried de novo, and the judges of the said Court of Appeal may provide by rule that one or more of the judges shall try such cases, which they shall be authorized to decide immediately after trial and without written opinions. The first Court to be organized under this amendment shall be composed of the present Judges of the Court of Appeals for the Parish of Orleans, who shall continue in office until the first day of December of the year of the expiration of the terms for which they were respectively elected, or until such time thereafter as their successors may be elected and qualified; and upon the expiration of the term of the present two Judges of said Court, which term expires in 1904, there shall be elected at the general State election next preceding the expiration of their terms of office, two judges for said Court, one thereof for a term of eight years, and the other thereof for a term of twelve years. And upon the expiration of the term of office of the other present judge thereof, whose term expires in 1908, there shall be elected at the general State election next preceding the expiration of his term one Judge for the term of twelve years. All subsequent elections for judges for said Court shall be for a term of twelve years and shall be held at the general State election next preceding the expiration of the term of the Judges of said Court. Said Court shall sit in the Parish of Orleans and shall hold its sessions from the second Monday in October until the end of the month of June of each year.

Vacancies occasioned by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled for the unexpired terms by appointment of the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Judges of said Court shall each receive a salary of Four Thousand Dollars, per annum, payable monthly on his own warrant.

All appeals within its jurisdiction from the Parishes of Orleans, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Jefferson, St. Charles, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and Lake Shore shall be returnable to said Court, and the costs of filing the same shall be, as now, fixed by the Constitution or the law, until otherwise regulated by law.

Section 7. Be it further resolved, etc., That the foregoing amendments to the Articles of the Constitution of this State, if adopted, shall become operative on the 1st day of January, 1903, and all cases pending and undetermined on said date, in the Supreme Court shall be finally determined by said Court and all cases pending and undetermined in the Courts of Appeal as now constituted shall be transferred to the Courts of Appeal, as organized under these amendments, having jurisdiction under the foregoing amendments of the cause, and without costs to the parties.

Section 8. Be it further resolved, etc., That said proposed amendments be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection as required by Article 321 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and the general election laws of this State, at the Congressional election to be held in this State in November, 1902.

(Signed.) J. Y. SANDERS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed.) ALBERT ESTOPINAL,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved, July 8th, A. D. 1902.
W. W. HEARD,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

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

Act No. 120.) House Bill No. 123.

AN ACT.

Joint Resolution—Proposing an amendment to Article 230 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, Two-thirds of all members elected to each House concurring, That Article 230 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be so amended as to read as follows:

Article 230. The following shall be exempt from taxation, and no other, viz: All public property, places of religious worship, or burial, the rectories and parsonages of churches and grounds thereunto appurtenant, used exclusively as residences for the ministers in charge of such churches, all charitable institutions, all buildings and property used exclusively for public monuments or historical collections, colleges and other school purposes, the real and personal estate of any public library, and that of any other library association used by or connected with such library, all books and philosophical apparatus, and all paintings and statuary of any company or association, kept in a public hall; provided, the property so exempted be not leased for purposes of private or corporate profit or income. There shall also be exempt from taxation household property to the value of five hundred dollars. There shall also be exempt from parochial and municipal taxation for a period of ten years from the first day of January, 1902, the capital, machinery and other property employed in mining operations, and in the manufacture of textile fabrics, yarns, rope, cordage, leather, shoes, harness, saddlery, hats, clothing, flour, machinery, articles of tin, copper and sheet iron, agricultural implements, and furniture and other articles of wood, marble or stone; soap, stationery, ink and paper, boat, building and fertilizers and chemicals; provided that not less than five hands are employed in any one factory; provided that nothing herein contained shall affect the exemptions provided for by existing Constitutional provisions. There shall also be exempt from taxation for a period of ten years from the date of its completion any railroad or parts of such railroad that may hereafter be constructed and completed prior to January 1st, 1904; provided, that when aid has heretofore been voted by any parish, ward, or municipality to any railroad not yet constructed, such railroad shall not be entitled to the exemption from taxation herein established, unless it waivers and relinquishes such aid or consents to a resubmission of the question of granting such aid to a vote of the property taxpayers of the parish, ward or municipality, which has voted the same, if one-third of such property taxpayers petition for the same within six months after the adoption of this Constitution. And provided, further, that this exemption shall not apply to double tracks, sidings, switches, depots or other improvements or betterments, which may be constructed by railroads now in operation within the State, other than extensions or new lines constructed by such railroads; nor shall the exemption hereinbefore granted apply to any railroad or part of such railroad, the construction of which was begun and the roadbed of which was substantially completed at the date of the adoption of this Constitution. The property or real estate belonging to any military organization of the State of Louisiana which is used by the State National Guard or militia for military purposes, such as arsenals or armories, while so used, shall be exempt from taxation.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the aforesaid proposed amendments having been read in each House of the General Assembly, on three separate days, and the yeas and nays thereon having been entered on the journal of each House, the Secretary of State shall cause the same to be published in two newspapers published in the parish of Orleans and in one paper in each other parish of the State in which a newspaper is published, for two months preceding the next election for Representatives in Congress.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That at said election of Representatives in Congress, the said amendments shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That said election shall be held under the existing election laws of the State, and if a majority voting on said amendments shall approve and ratify the same, then such amendments so approved and ratified shall become a part of the Constitution.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the result of such election shall be made known by the proclamation of the Governor.

(Signed.) J. Y. SANDERS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed.) ALBERT ESTOPINAL,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved July 8, A. D. 1902.
W. W. HEARD,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

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

House Bill No. 259.

Act No. 165.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 226 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 the following shall be submitted as an amendment in lieu of Article 226 of the Constitution to the electors of the State at the next general Congressional election to be holden on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1902, and it shall be the duty of the officers charged with the conduct of said election to promulgate and provide for said election in accordance with Article 321 of the Constitution:

Article 226. There shall be and is hereby created a State Board of Appraisers, whose duty it shall be to assess the property belonging to corporations, associations, and individuals employed in railway, telegraph, telephone, sleeping car and express business throughout the State of Louisiana, which Board of Appraisers shall be composed of the Auditor and other members corresponding in number to the Congressional Districts of the State, to be elected by the Governor Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Attorney General and Secretary of State, one member from each Congressional District, for the term of four years, and the General Assembly shall fix the compensation of said Board."

(Signed.) J. Y. SANDERS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed.) ALBERT ESTOPINAL,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved July 9, A. D. 1902.
W. W. HEARD,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

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

Senate Bill No. 84.

Act No. 182.)

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Amending Article 156 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, a majority of both Houses concurring, That at the next general election for Congressmen to be held in this State on the first Tuesday in the month of November, 1902, that there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State, an amendment to Article 156 of the Constitution of this State, so that the same shall read as follows, to-wit:

Article 156. All valid warrants issued for salaries and authorized expenses of the offices of the clerks of the Civil District Court, Register of Conveyances and Recorder of Mortgages for the parish of Orleans, of the Clerks of the City Courts of the City of New Orleans, and for salaries of the Clerks of the Court of Appeal, which are payable out of the special judicial expense fund provided for by Article 146 of the Constitution of 1879, as amended, and which shall be outstanding and unpaid at the date of the adoption of this constitution, or which shall be issued for the current month in which this Constitution is adopted, are hereby declared to be valid and subsisting claims against the revenues of the respective offices upon which said fund was made dependent.

The holders of said warrants may present them within six months after the adoption of this Constitution to the Board of Liquidation of the City Debt, and receive therefor the bonds hereinafter authorized to be issued; and the City of New Orleans is required, within three months from the adoption of this Constitution, to provide for said warrants or claims, by the issuance of bonds in the sum of Two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary; said bonds shall be for the face value of said warrants, in such denominations as the said Board of Liquidation shall recommend, and shall be dated July 1, 1898, and made payable twenty-five years after date, or earlier, at the option of said Board, and shall bear four per cent per annum interest, payable semi annually, and represented by interest coupons attached thereto, the first of said coupons payable January 1, 1899; said bonds to be known as Judicial Expense Fund Bonds, and to be signed by the Mayor and Comptroller of the City of New Orleans, and delivered to the Board of Liquidation of the City Debt and shall be countersigned by the President and Secretary of said Board and issued by said Board to the holders of said warrants upon surrender of same. Neither the State of Louisiana nor the City of New Orleans shall ever be liable for the payment of said bonds nor the interest thereon, except from the special fund herein provided for, and any appropriation or other provision therefor made by the State or city shall be null and void. There shall be stamped across the face of said bonds the words: "Issued in accordance with Article 156 of the Constitution of Louisiana of 1898." The Clerk of the Civil District Court, Register of Conveyances and Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of Orleans, and the Clerks of the City Courts of New Orleans, shall keep accurate and detailed accounts in books to be used exclusively for that purpose of all fees and charges collected in their offices, respectively, and they shall furnish, daily, to the City Comptroller, transcripts of said accounts duly certified by them or by their authority, and said officers shall also daily pay into the Treasury of the City of New Orleans the whole amount of fees and charges so collected. From the amounts thus paid into the City Treasury the Treasurer shall set apart and reserve twenty per cent out of which shall first be paid the expenses necessary for the preparation and execution of the aforesaid bonds, and thereafter the same shall be used solely and exclusively to retire the bonds issued in payment of said Judicial Expense Fund warrants and interest thereon, and the certificates of the Comptroller hereinafter authorized; and upon the second Tuesday in December and June of every year the said Treasurer shall pay said amounts so reserved, and also the amounts received from the Civil Sheriff, to the Board of Liquidation of the City Debt, until all the bonds herein authorized have been retired or paid; and on the second Tuesday in February and August of every year, said Board of Liquidation, in accordance with rules to be adopted and made public by it, shall, after paying the semi-annual interest on said bonds, purchase or redeem with such money thus set apart as may have accumulated, and with the surplus of the remaining eighty per cent as hereinafter provided, as many of said bonds as said money will buy or redeem, preference being given to holders offering at the lowest rate; and all such bonds so purchased or redeemed shall be by said Board of Liquidation immediately canceled, and a record made thereof. From the remaining eighty per cent of said fund there shall be paid monthly the current salaries and expenses of the offices from which the same is derived, including the salary of the docket and minute clerks of the Court of Appeal, as now constituted and until the election of the clerk of the said court, as above provided, together with such authorized expenses of said offices are not required to be paid by the City of New Orleans; and the surplus of said eighty per cent, if any, shall be paid by the Treasurer to the said Board of Liquidation, and shall be used to redeem or pay said bonds and certificates as hereinbefore and hereinafter provided. But if said eighty per cent during the six months ending July 31, or January 31, of any year, should prove inadequate to pay said salaries and expenses, the Comptroller shall prorate the deficit among those entitled to payment, and shall issue certificates therefor in sums not less than ten dollars, which shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent per annum from date, and said interest shall be paid annually, but the principal of said certificates shall be paid from the funds herein set apart and reserved only after all the bonds issued in payment of outstanding warrants shall have first been redeemed or paid.

All disbursements from said fund for stationery shall be made upon the requisition of the officers requiring same: said requisition to be approved by the mayor of the City of New Orleans; and in all cases such disbursements and all salaries shall be paid by the Treasurer of the City of New Orleans upon warrants drawn against said fund by the Comptroller of said city, approved, so far as the Civil District Court is concerned by the presiding judge thereof, for the office of Recorder of Mortgages and the office of Register of Conveyances, by the Mayor of the City of New Orleans, and for the offices of the respective city courts by the judge or judges thereof and for the officers of the Court of Appeal by one of the judges thereof. Until the full and final payment of all said bonds and certificates hereinbefore provided for the salaries of the employees of the various offices hereinafter named shall remain as now fixed by law, and there shall be no increase in the number of employees now authorized by law for the offices of recorder of mortgages or register of conveyances, unless otherwise ordered by the Civil District Court sitting en banc and the number of employees of the Civil District Court shall be as determined by a majority of the judges thereof. The Clerks of the first and second city courts, until the organization of the city courts here, inbefore provided for, may each appoint with the approval of the judges thereof, an additional deputy clerk at fifty dollars per month, but no other employees, nor larger salaries than those now fixed by law, shall be allowed to the city courts. The said Board of Liquidation hereinbefore named shall have the right to reject any and all bids made for the redemption of bonds issued as hereinabove provided, and should there be no bids, or none accepted, then said board of Liquidation, on the second Tuesday in February and August of each year, with whatever amount has been paid to said board by the treasurer as herein provided, shall, after paying the interest, pay said bonds in numerical order. After the payment of all of said bonds, the twenty per cent, reserve herein provided, and any surplus of the remaining eighty per cent, shall be used by the City Treasurer in paying the certificates herein provided for, if any, in the order of their issue. When said judicial expense fund bonds and comptroller certificates, if any of the latter shall be issued, shall have been retired and canceled, the salaries and expenses of the various offices effected by this article and the revenue of said offices shall be regulated and disposed of as may be determined by the General Assembly. This article shall take effect from the last day of the current month in which this constitution is adopted, and all amounts arising from the judicial expense fund, which shall remain in the hands of the State Treasurer on that date, shall be paid by him to the Board of Liquidation of the City Debt, and be used by said board as part of the funds herein above referred to.

(Signed) J. Y. SANDERS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) ALBERT ESTOPINAL,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: July 10, A. D. 1902.
W. W. HEARD,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JOHN T. MICHEL,
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