

# Constitutional Amendments.

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Whereas, legislation providing for the issue of said bonds and recommending the submission to the people of an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana authorizing the State of Louisiana to issue and ratify the provisions of this Act, is recommended by the Port Investigation Commission, created by Act No. 9 of the Extra Session of 1907; therefore:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring:

That, subject to the ratification of the people of the State of Louisiana, by the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the State, hereinafter submitted to them, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, created by Act No. 70 of the General Assembly of 1896, amended by Act No. 36 of the General Assembly of the year 1900, is hereby authorized and empowered, and it shall be its duty, to issue bonds not to exceed three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000.00) in amount, dated January 1, 1909, bearing five per cent per annum interest, payable semi-annually, the principal of which shall be payable at any time between July 1, 1924, and July 1, 1959. Said bonds shall be drawn payable to bearer and shall be styled "Port Commission Bonds." They shall be of the denomination of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) each, payable in lawful money of the United States, with semi-annual interest coupons attached, dated July 1st and January 1st. They shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans. They shall be exempt from all taxation, State, parish and municipal, and the tutors of minors and curators of interdicts shall be authorized to invest the funds in their hands in such bonds. They may be registered and released from registry under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by said Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, and no registered bond shall be negotiable. They shall be receivable on deposit with the State, or its officers, or any of its political subdivisions, or municipalities, in all cases, where, by law, deposits of bonds are required or allowed to be made as security, with the State, or its officers, or any of its political subdivisions or municipalities.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That, as soon as the Constitutional authority for the issuance of said bonds shall have been obtained, it shall be the duty of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans to cause said bonds to be engraved and executed. The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans is hereby authorized and empowered, on and after January 1, 1909, to exchange, at not more than par and accrued interest, so many of said bonds as may be necessary to retire outstanding obligations of said Board, coupons past due at the date of exchange to be detached and canceled by said board before delivery of bonds; and said Board is hereby authorized and empowered to sell the remainder of said bonds, in whole or in part, in such manner, and upon such terms and conditions, as by said Board may be deemed advisable; provided, that no sale shall be made by said Board at a price which will net to the Board less than par and accrued interest. Coupons attached to said bonds, past due at the time of delivery, shall be detached and canceled by said board before delivery of the bonds.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the principal and interest of said bonds shall be paid by preference from the revenues of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans and all revenues collectible under the laws, as now existing, shall be and are hereby pledged to secure said bonds and interest. In no event shall the charges imposed by said Board, under the law now existing, be reduced to an amount less than necessary for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds; and the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, as presently organized and without diminution of existing territorial jurisdiction, shall continue in legal existence until all the bonds issued in accordance with this Act shall have been paid in principal and interest; provided that the members of said Board shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to removal by the Governor, and the Governor shall have power to fill all vacancies. The interest on said bonds shall be evidenced by coupons attached thereto, payable semi-annually, by the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana, on the first days of July and January, and said Board shall place on deposit, on or before April 1, 1909, and on or before the first of April of every subsequent year, with the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana, to the credit of a special account to be styled "Interest Account," an amount equal to the annual interest on all bonds that may have been delivered. Said Treasurer is hereby empowered and directed, and it is made his duty, to pay any and all such coupons that may be due when presented by any holder thereof. In the year 1924, and annually thereafter, said board shall, in addition to the amount of the annual interest due on the 1st of July, place on deposit, on or before April 1, with the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana, to the credit of a special account to be styled

"Bond Redemption account," a sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), and the said treasurer is hereby empowered and directed, and it is made his duty, to pay, on the 1st of July, of the year 1924, and annually thereafter, out of said Bond Redemption Account, one hundred (100) of said bonds in the reverse order of their issue; and all bonds and coupons retired under this Act shall be by said Treasurer duly canceled and delivered to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, which shall receipt for same, and which shall retain and paste the same as vouchers, in a book to be by it kept for that purpose. It shall be the duty of said Treasurer to require said deposits to be made as aforesaid; and in case of failure on the part of said Board to make said deposits, or to impose, under the law as now existing, the charges for the use of said wharves, landings, sheds and appurtenances thereto, or to collect the revenues therefrom, in an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of interest due or to become due, and the redemption of bonds as provided in this Act, said Treasurer is hereby empowered and directed, and it is made his duty, to impose said charges and collect said revenues, and to apply the same to the purposes of this Act, and to that extent, and for that purpose only, and for such time as may be necessary to that end, the said Treasurer is hereby authorized to exercise all the powers and is charged with all the duties vested under existing law in the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That all of the provisions of this Act shall constitute a contract between the holder of the bonds issued thereunder, the State of Louisiana, and the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans shall, and is hereby authorized and empowered to expend the proceeds of said bonds for the extension of existing wharves, for building new wharves, for erecting sheds, for constructing roadways, and other improvements; for the purchase of suitable dredges, barges and tugboats; for the payment of wharves or other property purchased or expropriated, and for the payment of obligations heretofore contracted and outstanding; provided that no private property shall be taken without just and adequate compensation previously paid.

On the thirty-first day of December of each year, the said Board shall furnish a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures to the Governor of the State; which report shall be published once in the official journal of the City of New Orleans.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That at the Congressional election to be held in this State on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1908, the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana shall be submitted to the electors of the State, to wit: "The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans shall have power, and it shall be its duty, to issue three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) of bonds to be known as 'Port Commission Bonds,' for the purposes and under the provisions adopted to that end and for that purpose at the regular session of the General Assembly of 1908, which said Act is hereby ratified and approved, and all provisions of the present Constitution of the State in conflict with the provisions of this Act, and with this amendment are, to that extent and for that purpose only, repealed."

Section 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That, on the official ballots to be used at said election shall be placed the words: "For the Port Commission Bond Amendment," and the words: "Against the Port Commission Bond Amendment," and each 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. LAMBREMENT,  
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
Approved July 3, 1908.  
J. Y. SANDERS,  
Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true Copy.  
JOHN T. MICHEL,  
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 215.  
Senate Bill No. 68. By Mr. Barrett.  
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 conative thereto.

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 the constitution of the State of Louisiana, be submitted to the electors of the State at the next general congressional election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1908, to wit:

"The Act adopted by the Legislature at the regular session begun and held on May 11, 1908, 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 for 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 separate sessions, as Juvenile Courts, of the District Court outside of said parish; providing 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 conative thereto, is hereby ratified and approved, and all provisions of the present Constitution in conflict with the provisions of said Act and this amendment are, to that extent and for that purpose only, repealed.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That on official ballots to be used at said election, shall be placed the words: "For the Juvenile Courts Amendment," and the words: "Against the Juvenile Courts Amendment;" and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State whether he votes for or against said amendment.

P. M. LAMBREMENT,  
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
H. G. DUPRE,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
Approved July 8th, 1908.  
J. Y. SANDERS,  
Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
A true copy.  
JOHN T. MICHEL,  
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 269.  
Senate Bill No. 140. By Mr. Barrett.  
A JOINT RESOLUTION.  
Proposing an amendment to Articles 81 and 82 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to fixing the salaries of the Auditor of Public Accounts, Treasurer and Secretary of State, and providing that all fees received by the Secretary of State, under existing law or laws which may hereafter be enacted, shall be covered into the State Treasury.

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 81 and 82 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be amended so as to read as follows:

Article 81. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall receive a salary of five thousand dollars per annum. The Treasurer shall receive a salary of four thousand dollars per annum. Each of said officers shall be paid monthly, and no fees or perquisites or other compensation, shall be allowed them; provided, that the fees now, or which may hereafter be fixed by law to be charged by the Secretary of State, shall be collected and paid over by him monthly to the State Treasurer to be placed to the credit of the General Fund.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the following amendments to the Constitution of the State shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection, as required by article 281 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana and general election laws of this State on the 3rd day of November, 1908.

P. M. LAMBREMENT,  
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
H. G. DUPRE,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
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Article 82. Appropriations for the clerical and all other expenses of the officers named in the preceding article shall specify each item of appropriation, and for all purposes shall not exceed in any one year for the State Treasurer the sum of thirty-six hundred dollars; and for all purposes for one year for the Auditor of Public Accounts the sum of eight thousand dollars; and for all purposes for any one year for the Secretary of State, including the salary of the Assistant Secretary of State, and all expenses of the Insurance Department, the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That the foregoing amendments to the Constitution of the State shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection, as required by article 281 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana and general election laws of this State on the 3rd day of November, 1908.

P. M. LAMBREMENT,  
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
H. G. DUPRE,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
Approved July 8, 1908.  
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Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
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JOHN T. MICHEL,  
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 269.  
House Bill No. 139. By Mr. Richardson, of Iberville.  
A JOINT RESOLUTION  
Proposing an amendment to Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to pensions for Confederate Veterans as amended by Act No. 73 of the General Assembly of 1900, and Act No. 112 of the General Assembly of 1904.

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 three hundred three of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, as amended by Act number seventy-three of the General Assembly of 1900, and Act number one hundred and twelve of the General Assembly of 1904, be so amended as to read as follows:

Article 303. A pension not to exceed eight dollars (\$8) per month shall be allowed to each Confederate soldier or sailor veteran who possesses all the following qualifications:

1. He shall have served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the late Civil War, or until he was discharged or paroled, in some military organization regularly mustered into the Army or Navy of the Confederate States, and shall have remained true to the Confederate States until the surrender.

2. He shall not own property of more than five hundred dollars valuation and he shall not be physically able to earn a living by his own labor or skill.

3. He shall not be salaried or otherwise provided for by the State of Louisiana or by any other State or Government. In case he enlisted in any organization mustered into said service as a Louisiana organization, or in case at the date of his enlistment he resided in this State for at least five years prior to his application for a pension. In case he resided elsewhere than in this State, and enlisted in an organization not mustered in Louisiana, or in the Navy of the Confederate States, he shall have resided in this State for at least fifteen years prior to his application for such pension. A like pension shall be granted to the widow who shall not have married again, in indigent circumstances, of such soldier or sailor whose marriage to her was contracted prior to January 1, 1873; provided that if her deceased husband served in an organization, mustered in from Louisiana, or if he resided in Louisiana, at the date of his enlistment and had so resided for one year prior thereto, then in order that such widow shall be entitled to the pension as herein provided, she shall have resided in this State for at least five years prior to her application therefor; and if her deceased husband enlisted elsewhere than in Louisiana, and served in an organization not mustered in from Louisiana, such widow shall, in order to entitle her to a pension as herein provided, have resided in this State for not less than fifteen years prior to her application for such pension; provided further, that pensions whether to veterans or widows, shall be allowed only from the date of application under this Article, and the total appropriations for all pensions shall not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) in any one year; provided that nothing in this Article shall be construed so as to prohibit the Gen-

eral Assembly from providing artificial limbs to disabled Confederate soldiers or sailors.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this proposed amendment be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Louisiana for a adoption or rejection at the congressional election to be held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1908.

That the official ballots to be used at said election shall have printed thereon the words: "For the proposed amendment to Article 303 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to pensions for Confederate Veterans," and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State, whether he votes for or against the amendment.

H. G. DUPRE,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
P. M. LAMBREMENT,  
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.  
Approved July 9th, 1908.  
J. Y. SANDERS,  
Governor of the State of Louisiana.  
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JOHN T. MICHEL,  
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 269.  
House Bill No. 325. By Mr. Henriques.  
A JOINT RESOLUTION  
Proposing an amendment to Article 134 of the Constitution regulating the allotment of cases filed in the Civil District Court of the Parish of Orleans.

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 there be submitted to the electors of the State, in accordance with law, at the Congressional election to be held in November, 1908, a proposition to amend Article 134 of the Constitution so that the said Article shall read as follows, to-wit:

Article 134. All cases after being filed in said Civil District Court shall be allotted or assigned among the judges thereof, in accordance with rules to be adopted by said Court, unless otherwise provided by law.

Section 2. Be it further enacted and resolved, etc., That on the official ballots to be used at said election shall be placed the words: "For the amendment to Article 134 of the Constitution," and the words: "Against the amendment to Article 134 of the Constitution." And each elector shall indicate his vote on the proposed amendment as provided in the general election laws of the State.

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Section 2. Be it further enacted and resolved, etc., That on the official ballots to be used at said election shall be placed the words: "For the amendment to Article 134 of the Constitution," and the words: "Against the amendment to Article 134 of the Constitution." And each elector shall indicate his vote on the proposed amendment as provided in the general election laws of the State.

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ACT No. 300.  
House Bill No. 304. By Mr. Smith.  
A 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 improvement by municipal corporations, parishes and drainage districts, 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 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, school, drainage or sewerage districts, the City of New Orleans excepted, when authorized to do so, by a vote of a majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers, qualified as electors under the Constitution and laws of this state, voting 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 municipality or parish, and where there is no official journal, in a newspaper published therein, may incur debt, and issue negotiable bonds therefor, to the extent of one-tenth (1-10) of the assessed valuation of the property within said municipal corporation, parish, school, or drainage or sewerage district, as shown by the assessment made prior to the submission of the proposition to the property taxpayers, as above provided and may be authorized by the property taxpayers voting at said election, to levy and assess special taxes upon the property subject to taxation in the parish, school, sewerage or drainage district or corporation, provided, said taxes so imposed do not exceed five (5) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation in any one (1) year, nor run for a greater number of years than the number named in the proposition submitted to the taxpayers.

No bonds shall be issued for any other purpose than that stated in the submission of the proposition to the taxpayers, and published for thirty (30) days, as aforesaid, nor for a greater amount than therein mentioned; nor shall such bonds be issued for any purpose than for paying and improving streets, roads and alleys, purchasing or constructing "systems" of water-works, sewerage, drainage, lights, public parks and buildings, bridges and other works of public improvement, the title to which shall vest in the municipal corporation, parish, school, sewerage or drainage districts 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 by the municipal corporation, parish, school, drainage or sewerage district issuing same for less than par.

The municipal corporation, parish, school, sewerage or drainage district issuing such bonds shall provide for the payment of the interest annually, or semi-annually, and the principal thereof at maturity; provided, that the total issue of bonds by any municipality, parish, school sewerage or drainage district, for all purposes, shall never exceed ten (10) per cent of the assessed value of the property in such municipality, parish, school sewerage or drainage district. Provided that municipal councils shall have authority to create within their respective limits one or more sewerage districts; and provided further that nothing herein contained shall prevent drainage districts from being established under the provisions of existing laws, and that all drainage districts 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, for the purpose of providing and maintaining drainage systems, on all lands situated in such districts not exceeding twenty-five (25) cents per acre for a period not to exceed forty (40) years when authorized to do so by a vote of a majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers of said district qualified as electors under the laws of this state, voting at an election held for that purpose as provided in the first part of this article, and said drainage districts,

through the Boards of Commissioners thereof, may incur indebtedness and issue negotiable bonds therefor payable in principal and interest, the aggregate amount to be raised by said annual contributions 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 were voted and shall not run for a longer period than forty (40) years from their date, nor bear a greater rate of interest than five per cent, per annum, nor be sold for less than par.

All contributions and acreage taxes heretofore authorized by a vote of a majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers, qualified to vote under the laws of this state at elections held in drainage districts organized under existing laws are hereby ratified and confirmed, and their validity shall not be questioned.

Provided that for the purpose of reducing the total rate of taxation, municipal corporations, parishes and school sewerage and drainage districts, when authorized to do so as above shown for the issuance of bonds, may issue new bonds covering any particular issue or issues of bonds, or the whole outstanding bonded indebtedness incurred under, and for the purpose shown in the first paragraph of this article, the said new bonds to be known as Refund Issue Bonds of (Political Subdivision) in the year . . . Said Refund Issue Bonds shall run for a period of forty (40) years from their date, shall not bear a greater rate of interest than five (5) per cent per annum, payable annually or semi-annually, as the ordinance calling for the election may direct, and shall not be sold by the municipal corporation, parish, school sewerage or drainage district issuing same for less than par.

The said Refund Issue Bonds may be either in whole or in part exchanged for the bonds previously issued under or by authority of this article. Value for value, or sold and the proceeds thereof used for the purpose of purchasing outstanding bonds. Said elections, if favorable to the issuance of said bonds, shall not occur to cover the same issue or issues at frequent intervals than five (5) years; and each election shall not only cover any or all unfunded bond issues authorized by and issued in pursuance of the first paragraph of this article, but may also include any or all previous refund issues. And when the bonds of any issue shall have been obtained either by purchase or exchange, the tax rate levied to pay for such bonds shall at once cease and said bonds be canceled. Moneys accumulated to the credit of any bond issue that is exchanged for, or purchased by the proceeds of the sale of, any refund bond issue shall be credited to the said refund issue and made part of its sinking fund.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for adoption or rejection at the presidential and congressional election to be held in November, nineteen hundred and eight (1908). If adopted, the same shall take effect immediately thereafter.

Section 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That on the official ballots to be used at said election, there shall be placed the words: "For the proposed amendment to Article two hundred and eighty-one (281) of the Constitution of Louisiana," and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of this state, which of the propositions "for" or "against" he votes.

H. G. DUPRE,  
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All contributions and acreage taxes heretofore authorized by a vote of a majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers, qualified to vote under the laws of this state at elections held in drainage districts organized under existing laws are hereby ratified and confirmed, and their validity shall not be questioned.

Provided that for the purpose of reducing the total rate of taxation, municipal corporations, parishes and school sewerage and drainage districts, when authorized to do so as above shown for the issuance of bonds, may issue new bonds covering any particular issue or issues of bonds, or the whole outstanding bonded indebtedness incurred under, and for the purpose shown in the first paragraph of this article, the said new bonds to be known as Refund Issue Bonds of (Political Subdivision) in the year . . . Said Refund Issue Bonds shall run for a period of forty (40) years from their date, shall not bear a greater rate of interest than five (5) per cent per annum, payable annually or semi-annually, as the ordinance calling for the election may direct, and shall not be sold by the municipal corporation, parish, school sewerage or drainage district issuing same for less than par.

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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 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, school, drainage or sewerage districts, the City of New Orleans excepted, when authorized to do so, by a vote of a majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers, qualified as electors under the Constitution and laws of this state, voting 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 municipality or parish, and where there is no official journal, in a newspaper published therein, may incur debt, and issue negotiable bonds therefor, to the extent of one-tenth (1-10) of the assessed valuation of the property within said municipal corporation, parish, school, or drainage or sewerage district, as shown by the assessment made prior to the submission of the proposition to the property taxpayers, as above provided and may be authorized by the property taxpayers voting at said election, to levy and assess special taxes upon the property subject to taxation in the parish, school, sewerage or drainage district or corporation, provided, said taxes so imposed do not exceed five (5) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation in any one (1) year, nor run for a greater number of years than the number named in the proposition submitted to the taxpayers.

No bonds shall be issued for any other purpose than that stated in the submission of the proposition to the taxpayers, and published for thirty (30) days, as aforesaid, nor for a greater amount than therein mentioned; nor shall such bonds be issued for any purpose than for paying and improving streets, roads and alleys, purchasing or constructing "systems" of water-works, sewerage, drainage, lights, public parks and buildings, bridges and other works of public improvement, the title to which shall vest in the municipal corporation, parish, school, sewerage or drainage districts 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 by the municipal corporation, parish, school, drainage or sewerage district issuing same for less than par.

The municipal corporation, parish, school, sewerage or drainage district issuing such bonds shall provide for the payment of the interest annually, or semi-annually, and the principal thereof at maturity; provided, that the total issue of bonds by any municipality, parish, school sewerage or drainage district, for all purposes, shall never exceed ten (10) per cent of the assessed value of the property in such municipality, parish, school sewerage or drainage district. Provided that municipal councils shall have authority to create within their respective limits one or more sewerage districts; and provided further that nothing herein contained shall prevent drainage districts from being established under the provisions of existing laws, and that all drainage districts 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, for the purpose of providing and maintaining drainage systems, on all lands situated in such districts not exceeding twenty-five (25) cents per acre for a period not to exceed forty (40) years when authorized to do so by a vote of a majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers of said district qualified as electors under the laws of this state, voting at an election held for that purpose as provided in the first part of this article, and said drainage districts,

through the Boards of Commissioners thereof, may incur indebtedness and issue negotiable bonds therefor payable in principal and interest, the aggregate amount to be raised by said annual contributions 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 were voted and shall not run for a longer period than forty (40) years from their date, nor bear a greater rate of interest than five per cent, per annum, nor be sold for less than par.

All contributions and acreage taxes heretofore authorized by a vote of a majority in number and amount of the property taxpayers, qualified to vote under the laws of this state at elections held in drainage districts organized under existing laws are hereby ratified and confirmed, and their validity shall not be questioned.

Provided that for the purpose of reducing the total rate of taxation, municipal corporations, parishes and school sewerage and drainage districts, when authorized to do so as above shown for the issuance of bonds, may issue new bonds covering any particular issue or issues of bonds, or the whole outstanding bonded indebtedness incurred under, and for the purpose shown in the first paragraph of this article, the said new bonds to be known as Refund Issue Bonds of (Political Subdivision) in the year . . . Said Refund Issue Bonds shall run for a period of forty (40) years from their date, shall not bear a greater rate of interest than five (5) per cent per annum, payable annually or semi-annually, as the ordinance calling for the election may direct, and shall not be sold by the municipal corporation, parish, school sewerage or drainage district issuing same for less than par.

The said Refund Issue Bonds may be either in whole or in part exchanged for the bonds previously issued under or by authority of this article. Value for value, or sold and the proceeds thereof used for the purpose of purchasing outstanding bonds. Said elections, if favorable to the issuance of said bonds, shall not occur to cover the same issue or issues at frequent intervals than five (5) years; and each election shall not only cover any or all unfunded bond issues authorized by and issued in pursuance of the first paragraph of this article, but may also include any or all previous refund issues. And when the bonds of any issue shall have been obtained either by purchase or exchange, the tax rate levied to pay for such bonds shall at once cease and said bonds be canceled. Moneys accumulated to the credit of any bond issue that is exchanged for, or purchased by the proceeds of the sale of, any refund bond issue shall be credited to the said refund issue and made part of its sinking fund.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for adoption or rejection at the presidential and congressional election to be held in November, nineteen hundred and eight (1908). If adopted, the same shall take effect immediately thereafter.

Section 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That on the official ballots to be used at said election, there shall be placed the words: "For the proposed amendment to Article two hundred and eighty-one (281) of the Constitution of Louisiana," and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of this state, which of the propositions "for" or "against" he votes.

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