

ACT NO. 199.

House Bill No. 391.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana for the purpose of raising sufficient revenue for the carrying out of Art. 202 of the Constitution, by imposing "1.5" of mill upon the total State assessment for the use of the Confederate Veterans under the provisions of Art. 202 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, and provided that said "1.5" of a mill shall be taken from all purposes under a 4-mill State tax for all purposes under the rate of taxation of the State.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each House concurring, That an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, be submitted to the qualified electors of the State for their approval or rejection, as provided by Article 221 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1910, providing for the levying of "1.5" of a mill of the State tax for the purpose of supplementing the appropriation already provided for the pensioning of Confederate soldiers and their widows under the provisions of Article 202 of the Constitution and providing that "1.5" of a mill shall not be construed as increasing the total rate of State taxation over 6 mills for all purposes and provided that upon the adoption of this amendment same shall at once become self-operative and the funds derived therefrom immediately used for said purposes and provided further that the tax collectors shall receive no commissions for collecting said "1.5" of mill herein provided.

H. G. DUPRE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

J. Y. SANDERS, Governor of the State of Louisiana. A true copy: JOHN T. MICHEL, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 257.

House Bill No. 169.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to the levying of a tax of not less than three mills on the dollar by parishes, cities, or towns, for the support of the public schools of the State.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, That the police juries of the several parishes and boards of trustees and municipal councils of incorporated cities and towns (the Parish of Orleans excepted) shall levy, collect and turn over to the parish school boards of their respective parishes for the support of the public schools of their respective parishes, cities or towns, the proceeds of at least three mills of the annual tax which they are empowered to levy on each dollar of the assessed valuation of the property thereof; provided that cities and towns that are not exempted by the terms of their charters from the payment of parish taxes and which are subjected to the similar burdens of taxation as are the parishes shall not pay this tax, as same is included in the taxes imposed by the parish in which the town is situated, "unless the parish boards of schools directors of that parish certify that the needs of the schools can be met by a smaller levy of such taxes."

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

H. G. DUPRE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

J. Y. SANDERS, Governor of the State of Louisiana. A true copy: JOHN T. MICHEL, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 277.

Senate Bill No. 93.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

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

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

Article 86. The Supreme Court shall be composed of one Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. The Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall each receive a salary of not less than Five Thousand Dollars per annum, payable monthly on his own warrant. They shall each be elected for a term of twelve years. In case of death, resignation, or removal from

office of any Justice, the vacancy shall be filled by the selection by the Court of a Judge of one of the Courts of Appeal from a Supreme Court District other than that in which such vacancy shall occur, until the next ensuing congressional election, when it shall be filled by election for a full term of twelve years. They shall be officers of the United States and of this State, over thirty-five years of age, born in the law, and shall have practiced law in this State for ten years previous to their election, or appointment.

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

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

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

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

H. G. DUPRE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

J. Y. SANDERS, Governor of the State of Louisiana. A true copy: JOHN T. MICHEL, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 279.

Senate Bill No. 137.

AN ACT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First—To build, charter or purchase vessels.

Second—To insure goods, wares and merchandise carried in their own, or agents' ships, boats, piers, wharves and warehouses for the transaction of their business.

Third—To build, own, run or operate ships, boats, piers, wharves and warehouses for the transaction of their business.

Fourth—To trade with foreign countries, including the foreign possessions of the United States, by exporting cargo carried therein in their own vessels, and to import from foreign countries, including the foreign possessions of the United States, in their own vessels cargo for sale or exchange in the United States, or on ship of said company, shall be taken with the company's own cargo to the exclusion of cargo offered for such voyage by the general public, and such cargo offered by the general public shall have preference on all voyages for which it is offered.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

H. G. DUPRE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

J. Y. SANDERS, Governor of the State of Louisiana. A true copy: JOHN T. MICHEL, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 303.

House Bill No. 368.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

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

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, That an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1898, be submitted to the qualified electors of the State for their approval or rejection at the congressional election to be held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1910, amending Article 46 of the Constitution of 1898 so as to read as follows:

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

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That on the official ballot to be used at said election shall be placed the words: "For the amendment to Article 46 of the Constitution of 1898, authorizing the Board of Liquidation to issue new bonds to retire or refund the State bonded indebtedness," and the words: "Against the amendment to Article 46 of the Constitution of 1898, authorizing the Board of Liquidation to issue new bonds to retire or refund the State bonded indebtedness."

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

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

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

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

"For the proposed amendment to Article 46 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, authorizing the Board of Liquidation to issue new bonds to retire or refund the State bonded indebtedness,"

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

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

H. G. DUPRE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

J. Y. SANDERS, Governor of the State of Louisiana. A true copy: JOHN T. MICHEL, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 311.

Senate Bill No. 133.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

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

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, That an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be submitted to the qualified electors of the State for their approval or rejection, as required by Article 221 of the Constitution, such submission to be made at the Congressional election to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, A. D. 1910, amending Articles 107 and 108 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, as amended by Act No. 216 of the General Assembly of 1906, approved November 6th, 1906, so as to read as follows:

Article 107. The State shall be divided into not less than twenty nor more than thirty-two judicial districts, the Parish of Orleans excepted. Until otherwise provided by law there shall be Thirty Districts.

Article 108. The Parish of Caddo shall compose the first District.

The Parishes of Bossier and Webster shall compose the second District.

The Parishes of Claiborne and Bienville shall compose the third district.

The Parishes of Union and Lincoln shall compose the fourth district.

The Parishes of Jackson and Winn shall compose the fifth district.

The Parishes of Ouachita and Morehouse shall compose the sixth district.

The Parishes of West Carroll and Richland shall compose the seventh district.

The Parishes of Franklin and Catahoula shall compose the eighth district.

The Parishes of Madison and East Carroll shall compose the ninth district.

The Parishes of Concordia and Tensas shall compose the tenth district.

The Parishes of Natchitoches and Red River shall compose the eleventh district.

The Parishes of DeSoto, Sabine and Vernon shall compose the twelfth district.

The Parishes of Rapides and Grant shall compose the thirteenth district.

The Parishes of Avoyelles shall compose the fourteenth district.

The Parishes of Calcasieu and Cameron shall compose the fifteenth district.

The Parishes of St. Landry and Evangeline shall compose the sixteenth district.

The Parish of Vermilion shall compose the seventeenth district.

The Parishes of Avadia and Lafayette shall compose the eighteenth district.

The Parishes of Iberia and St. Martin shall compose the nineteenth district.

The Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche shall compose the twentieth district.

The Parishes of Iberville, West Baton Rouge, and Pointe Coupee shall compose the twenty-first district.

The Parish of East Baton Rouge shall compose the twenty-second district.

The Parish of St. Mary shall compose the twenty-third district.

The Parishes of East Feliciana and West Feliciana shall compose the twenty-fourth district.

The Parishes of St. Helena, Livingston and Tangipahoa shall compose the twenty-fifth district.

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

H. G. DUPRE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

J. Y. SANDERS, Governor of the State of Louisiana. A true copy: JOHN T. MICHEL, Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 2.

Senate Bill No. 1.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, authorizing the World's Panama Exposition Company to issue bonds and pledge the tax which is proposed to be levied and collected in the City of New Orleans, for the purpose of supplementing the appropriation already provided for the pensioning of Confederate soldiers and their widows under the provisions of Article 202 of the Constitution and providing that "1.5" of a mill shall not be construed as increasing the total rate of State taxation over 6 mills for all purposes and provided that upon the adoption of this amendment same shall at once become self-operative and the funds derived therefrom immediately used for said purposes and provided further that the tax collectors shall receive no commissions for collecting said "1.5" of mill herein provided.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, an extraordinary session convened, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, that, in that an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be submitted to the qualified electors of the State for their approval or rejection, as required by Article 221 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, at the Congressional election to be held on the first Monday of November, 1910, as follows:

In order that the tax authorized to be levied by the Constitutional amendment proposed by Act No. Two (2) of the Acts of the regular session of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1910, may, when ratified by the qualified electors of the State, be made immediately available for the purpose of constructing an exposition to commemorate the opening of the Panama Canal, the World's Panama Exposition Company be and it is hereby authorized, when and not until the Congress of the United States shall designate the City of New Orleans as the location for an exposition commemorating the opening of the Panama Canal, to issue bonds not to exceed in principal Six Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$6,500,000) Dollars, to bear a rate of interest not exceeding four per centum (4 per cent) per annum to be paid semi-annually, to be sold for not less than par and to be due and payable in not longer than fifty (50) years, payable at the Treasury of the State of Louisiana; and in order to secure the payment of said bonds, the tax proposed by the joint resolution embodied in Act No. Two (2) of the Acts of the regular session of the General Assembly of Louisiana for the year 1910, as well as a further tax hereinafter levied exclusively in the City of New Orleans, be and the same are hereby pledged for the payment of said bonds in principal and interest, and said pledge of said tax shall be deemed a valid and binding pledge and contract.

The bonds herein authorized and the tax levied and collected and pledged for the payment of said bonds shall constitute a valid and binding contract, and the faith of the State of Louisiana is pledged to the continuous collection of said tax, authorized by said Constitutional amendments, until the final payment of all of said bonds in principal and interest. Said bonds shall be exempt from all taxation, State, Parish and Municipal, and the tutors of minors and curators of interdicts are authorized to invest the funds in their hands in said bonds.

Any time after five years shall have passed from the date of the issuance of the bonds herein authorized, the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana shall, at any interest payment period, be authorized to apply the sinking fund to the retirement of any outstanding bonds, to the extent of said fund, in their reverse numerical order, and the Treasurer shall notify the bondholders thereof by an advertisement in one of the papers published in the City of New Orleans and one published in the City of New York, at least sixty days prior to the day on which the bonds are to be retired, giving the number and denomination of said bonds; and if said bonds are not presented for payment at such time, then the interest shall cease thereon.

The dissolution and liquidation of the World's Panama Exposition Company shall not in any manner affect the validity of the bonds herein authorized to be issued by said corporation of the collection of the tax levied by this Constitutional amendment or by that proposed by Act No. 2 of 1910 as aforesaid.

This amendment to the Constitution shall prevail over all other provisions of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, as well as any proposed amendment to the Constitution to be voted on at the coming election to be held on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1910, which may directly or indirectly conflict herewith, and shall be deemed supplemental to the amendment proposed by Act No. Two (2) of the Acts of the regular session of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1910, and in case of conflict therewith the provisions of this amendment shall prevail and this amendment shall be in force and effect only in the event the said proposed amendment submitted for ratification by Act No. Two (2) of the Acts of the regular session of the General Assembly of 1910, is ratified by the people at the Congressional election to be held on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1910, and is declared to be self-executing and to confer directly the authority herein granted without an enabling act of the Legislature.

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

"For the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, authorizing an issue of bonds by the World's Panama Exposition Company and the levying of a further tax in the City of New Orleans, all in further aid of the exposition celebrating the opening of the Panama Canal," and the words: "Against the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, authorizing an issue of bonds by the World's Panama Exposition Company and the levying of a further tax in the City of New Orleans, all in further aid of the exposition celebrating the opening of the Panama Canal."

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

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

H. G. DUPRE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

J. Y. SANDERS, Governor of the State of Louisiana. A true copy: JOHN T. MICHEL, Secretary of State.

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and be assessed and collected until the entire amount has been paid in principal and interest as aforesaid.

From and after the time the tax herein authorized is levied and collected, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to apply the same to the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds, to the extent of said fund, in their reverse numerical order, and the Treasurer shall notify the bondholders thereof by an advertisement in one of the papers published in the City of New Orleans and one published in the City of New York, at least sixty days prior to the day on which the bonds are to be retired, giving the number and denomination of said bonds; and if said bonds are not presented for payment at such time, then the interest shall cease thereon.

The dissolution and liquidation of the World's Panama Exposition Company shall not in any manner affect the validity of the bonds herein authorized to be issued by said corporation of the collection of the tax levied by this Constitutional amendment or by that proposed by Act No. 2 of 1910 as aforesaid.

This amendment to the Constitution shall prevail over all other provisions of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, as well as any proposed amendment to the Constitution to be voted on at the coming election to be held on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1910, which may directly or indirectly conflict herewith, and shall be deemed supplemental to the amendment proposed by Act No. Two (2) of the Acts of the regular session of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1910, and in case of conflict therewith the provisions of this amendment shall prevail and this amendment shall be in force and effect only in the event the said proposed amendment submitted for ratification by Act No. Two (2) of the Acts of the regular session of the General Assembly of 1910, is ratified by the people at the Congressional election to be held on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1910, and is declared to be self-executing and to confer directly the authority herein granted without an enabling act of the Legislature.

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

"For the proposed amendment to Article 107 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, authorizing the Board of Liquidation to issue new bonds to retire or refund the State bonded indebtedness,"

And the words: "Against the proposed amendment to Article 107 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the State bonded indebtedness."

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

H. G. DUPRE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

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