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2002 Constitutional Amendments
November 5, 2002 Election Ballot

Proposed Amendment No. 1

Act 1231 (SB 4)

2001 Regular Session

To change general legislative sessions from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years and fiscal sessions from even-numbered years to odd-numbered years; to provide for the consideration of not more than five prefiled bills per member which are not within the subject matter limitations during fiscal sessions; to provide that the legislature, during fiscal sessions may consider legislation which levies, authorizes, increases, decreases, or repeals a fee or which dedicates revenue, and local and special bills; to extend the length of the fiscal sessions; and to provide for certain legislative deadlines during annual regular sessions.

(Amends Article III, Section 2(A))

Proposed Amendment No. 2

Act 88 (HB 31)

2002 Regular Session

To retain the current limitation on individual income tax rates; to eliminate the current limitation on individual income tax brackets; to provide that the state individual and joint income tax schedule of rates and brackets shall never exceed the rates and brackets set forth in Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes on January 1, 2003, to provide that the state sales and use tax rate on food for home consumption, consumer purchases of natural gas, electricity, water, and prescription drugs shall be two percent for the period January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003, and to prohibit on July 1, 2003 the imposition of state sales and use tax on food for home consumption, consumer purchases of natural gas, electricity, water, and prescription drugs.

(Amends Article VII, Section 4(A); Adds Article VII, Section 2.2)

Proposed Amendment No. 3

Act 1236 (HB 507)

2001 Regular Session

To authorize the legislature to establish procedures determining projected deficits and budget adjustments related to deficit avoidance; to provide that such procedures for amendment may be made by specific legislation enacted by a favorable two-thirds vote of the legislature; to authorize adjustments of up to five percent of constitutionally protected and mandated allocations and appropriations if aggregate reductions of seven-tenths of one percent of allocations and appropriations from the state general fund have been made; to limit such reductions of the Minimum Foundation Program to one percent; to

authorize the transfer of monies from one fund to another as a result of such budget adjustments, but not to exceed the amount of the deficit; to authorize, for the purposes of the budget estimate and enactment of the budget for the next fiscal year, that if the official revenue forecast for the next fiscal year is at least one percent less than the forecast for the current fiscal year, an amount not to exceed five percent of the monies appropriated from any fund established by law or constitution shall be available for appropriation in the next fiscal year for a purpose other than as specified by law or constitution; to limit amounts available for use for other purposes with respect to the Minimum Foundation Program to one percent; to exempt from such reductions any revenues dedicated or pledged as security for bonds, the severance tax and royalty allocations to parishes, retirement contributions, the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund, the Millennium Trust except for appropriations from the trust, and monies not required to be deposited in the state treasury; and to authorize the legislature to provide for the implementation of these provisions.

(Amends Article VII, Section 10(F))

Proposed Amendment No. 4

Act 166 (SB 27)

2002 1st Extraordinary Session

To require that the legislature provide by general law for the removal of any state or local public employee, whether classified or unclassified, from his position of employment for conviction, during his employment, of a felony as defined by law.

(Adds Article X, Section 25.1)

Proposed Amendment No. 5

Act 89 (HB 68)

2002 Regular Session

Authorizes the State Board of Commerce and Industry, with the approval of the governor and the affected local governing authorities, to contract with developers of retirement communities for the exemption from local or special ad valorem taxes.

(Adds Article VII, Section 21(J))

Proposed Amendment No. 6

Act 1234 (HB 485)

2001 Regular Session

To require the governor's recommended budget estimate to include amounts sufficient to fully fund the cost of state supplemental pay for full-time local law enforcement and fire protection officers as required by law in effect on July 1, 2001; to require, beginning July 1, 2003, appropriations to fully fund such supplemental pay; to provide for the reduction of such appropriations, under certain circumstances, with the consent of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

(Amends Article VII, Section 11(A); Adds Article VII, Section 10(D)(3))

Proposed Amendment No. 7

Act 87 (HB 58)

2002 Regular Session

To provide that persons qualifying for the special assessment level for certain persons aged sixty-five or older shall not be required to reapply annually.
(Amends Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a) and (2)(a))

Proposed Amendment No. 8

Act 1235 (HB 508)

2001 Regular Session

To authorize the institutions of higher education or their management boards to invest in stocks up to fifty percent of certain funds received from gifts and grants, endowments, and other funds.

(Amends Article VII, Section 14(B))

Proposed Amendment No. 9

Act 1232 (SB 240)

2001 Regular Session

To authorize the investment in stocks of up to thirty-five percent of the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly.

(Amends Article VII, Section 14(B))

Proposed Amendment No. 10

Act 1233 (SB 244)

2001 Regular Session

To authorize the legislature by law to establish and implement programs to assist farmers who voluntarily forgo irrigating with groundwater for agricultural production for the purpose of protecting, conserving, or replenishing groundwater supply during periods of drought or to provide for the development and enhancement of surface water resources for use by farmers for irrigation purposes, or both, and to provide for and maintain a permanent trust fund to provide revenue to fund such assistance; to establish the Drought Protection Trust Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for sources of monies in the fund and use of the fund.

(Adds Article VII, Section 10.11)

Proposed Amendment No. 11

Act 86 (SB 18)

2002 Regular Session

To exempt from ad valorem taxation drilling rigs used exclusively for the exploration and development of minerals outside the territorial limits of the state in Outer Continental Shelf waters which are within the state for the purpose of being stored, stacked, converted, renovated, or repaired, and any property incorporated in or used in the operation of such drilling rigs.

(Adds Article VII, Section 21(J))

Proposed Amendment No. 12

Act 1230 (SB 163)

2001 Regular Session

To provide that the qualifications for office of coroner in Livingston Parish may be

established by law.
(Amends Article V, Section 29)