



2011 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

OCT. 22, 2011 ELECTION

The five constitutional amendments are in the order they will appear on the ballot. Click on an Act number link to read the complete text of an Act at the Legislature's Web Portal database.

Proposed Amendment No. 1

[Act No. 423](#) - Senate Bill No. 53, Regular Session, 2011

To dedicate funds for the TOPS program relative to the portion of the monies deposited in and credited to the Millennium Trust each year from the Tobacco Master Settlement, to provide that once the balance in the Millennium Trust reaches a total of one billion three hundred eighty million dollars, one hundred percent of the annual Settlement Proceeds shall be allocated to the TOPS Fund to support state programs of financial assistance for students attending Louisiana postsecondary education institutions; to provide relative to the rate of tax on certain tobacco products and beginning July 1, 2012, to dedicate such tobacco revenues to the Health Excellence Fund to be used for the purposes of the fund, including providing for the optimal development of Louisiana's children through the provision of appropriate health care and providing health care initiatives through innovation in advanced health care sciences; to provide for the deposit, transfer, or credit of certain monies in the Millennium Trust to the Health Excellence Fund, the Education Excellence Fund, and the TOPS Fund. (Amends Article VII, Section 10.8(A)(1)(c), (A)(2), (3), and (4), and (C)(1) and adds Article VII, Section 4.1)

Proposed Amendment No. 2

[Act No. 422](#) - House Bill No. 384, Regular Session, 2011

To require in Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 that five percent of money designated in the official forecast as nonrecurring be applied toward the balance of the unfunded accrued liability which existed as of June 30, 1988, for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana. To further require that in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and every fiscal year thereafter that ten percent of such nonrecurring revenue be applied to such purposes. (Amends Article VII, Section 10(D)(2)(b))

Proposed Amendment No. 3

[Act No. 421](#) - House Bill No. 341, Regular Session, 2011

To authorize the legislature to establish a private custodial fund, designated as the Patient's Compensation Fund, for the use, benefit, and protection of medical malpractice claimants and private health care provider members; to provide that assets of the fund shall not be state property. (Adds Article XII, Section 16)

Proposed Amendment No. 4

[Act No. 424](#) - Senate Bill No. 147, Regular Session, 2011

To provide that if at any time mineral revenues exceed the base provided by law and monies are withdrawn from the Budget Stabilization Fund, no deposit of mineral revenues shall be made to the Budget Stabilization Fund in the same or ensuing fiscal year in which monies in the fund are appropriated or incorporated into the official forecast, except by specific legislative appropriation, and thereafter deposits of mineral revenues into the fund shall resume except in an annual amount not to exceed one-third of the most recent amount appropriated or incorporated into the official forecast. (Adds Article VII, Section 10.3(C)(5))

Proposed Amendment No. 5

Act No. 43 - House Bill No. 30, First Extraordinary Session, 2011

To amend provisions relative to tax sales in order to maintain an existing exemption from the minimum bid requirements for tax sales in the city of New Orleans due to changes in populations according to the 2010 census. (Amends Article VII, Section 25(A)(2))