

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
2003 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS 2003 GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY  
ELECTION - October 4, 2003

The summary of Constitutional Amendments is presented in the order that the amendments will appear on the ballot. Click on an Act No. link to read the complete text of an Act at the Legislature's Web Portal database.

Ballot No. 1  
Act No. 1302  
SENATE BILL NO. 214, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

Requires that thirty-five million dollars annually of monies in the Mineral Revenue Audit and Settlement Fund be deposited in the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund each year and authorizes the legislature to appropriate nonrecurring revenues for certain highway construction and to appropriate monies in the Mineral Revenue Audit and Settlement Fund for deposit in the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund, removes authority to appropriate monies from the Mineral Revenue Audit and Settlement Fund to retire in advance of maturity debt of the Louisiana Recovery District, corrects an incorrect reference to the Budget Stabilization Fund, and provides for a cap in revenues to the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund to be provided by law, but in no event shall the amount provided by law be less than five hundred million dollars. (Amends Article VII, Section 10.2(B) and (C) and 10.5(B) and (C); adds Article VII, Section 10(D)(2)(e) and (f))

Ballot Number 2  
ACT 1300  
SENATE BILL NO. 213, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To establish the Louisiana Coastal Restoration Fund in the state treasury; to provide that the source of monies deposited into the fund shall be out of certain monies derived from the securitization of any remaining portion of the revenues received from the Master Settlement Agreement in the tobacco litigation after July 1, 2003; to provide for investment of monies in the fund and for their uses to reduce coastal erosion and to restore the areas of the state directly affected by coastal erosion. (Effective January 1, 2004) (Adds Article VII, Section 10.11)

Ballot Number 3  
ACT 1295  
HOUSE BILL NO. 424, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To authorize the legislature to limit the extent of recovery for the taking of, or loss or damage to, property rights affected by coastal wetlands conservation, management, preservation, enhancement, creation, or restoration activities. (Amends Article I, Section 4)

Ballot Number 4  
ACT 1293  
SENATE BILL NO. 225, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To authorize the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to supervise, manage, and operate any public elementary or secondary school determined to be failing or to provide for others to do so; to authorize the state board to receive, control, and expend state minimum foundation program money and local money contributed pursuant to the minimum foundation program or otherwise in amounts calculated based on the number of students in attendance in such a school, all in the manner and in accordance with law. (Amends Article VIII, Section 3(A))

Ballot Number 5  
ACT 1294  
HOUSE BILL NO. 282, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To provide for the appointment of certain members to the board of directors of the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation; to allow the selection of one person from a list submitted by the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation, who is a licensed workers' compensation insurance agent and possesses executive level experience; to remove the position for the representative of insurers licensed by the Department of Insurance to issue workers' compensation insurance policies in Louisiana; to allow the selection of two people from a list submitted by the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation, who are residents of the state of Louisiana, to represent the interest of the citizens of the state at large; and to remove the provision allowing one representative from the state office of risk management to serve on the board. (Amends Article XII, Section 8.1(C)(1)(f) and (g); Repeals Article XII, Section 8.1(C)(1)(h))

Ballot Number 6  
ACT 1301  
SENATE BILL NO. 223, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To change certain TIMED project descriptions as follows: (1) US Highway 61 from Thompson Creek to the Mississippi Line, in lieu of "US Highway 61-Bains to Mississippi Line" and (2) US Highway 165 from I-10 to Alexandria to Monroe to Bastrop and thence on US Highway 425 from Bastrop to the Arkansas Line, in lieu of "US 165-I-10-Alexandria-Monroe-Bastrop-Arkansas Line" and (3) and LA 15-Natchez, Mississippi to

Chase in lieu of "LA 15-Natchez, Mississippi to Monroe". (Amends Article VII, Section 27(B)).

Ballot Number 7

ACT 1299

SENATE BILL NO. 177, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To authorize a state infrastructure bank to loan or pledge public funds for infrastructure projects. (Amends Article VII, Section 14(B)).

Ballot Number 8

ACT 1297

HOUSE BILL NO. 425, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To exempt from property tax, in each parish in which the voters have approved a proposition granting such exemption, drilling rigs and any property incorporated in or used in the operation thereof, used outside of the state exclusively for the exploration and development of minerals, but which are located within the state for the purpose of being stored, stacked, converted, renovated, or repaired. (Effective January 1, 2004)(Adds Article VII, Section 21(J))

Ballot Number 9

ACT 1305

HOUSE BILL NO. 583, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To require that monies in the Lottery Proceeds Fund be annually appropriated by the legislature for the minimum foundation program of education for public elementary and secondary schools and up to five hundred thousand dollars for services related to compulsive and problem gaming as may be provided by law. (Effective July 1, 2004) (Amends Article XII, Section 6(A))

Ballot Number 10

ACT 1298

HOUSE BILL NO. 601, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To authorize legislation creating a system of administrative law to commence and handle administrative adjudications, providing for the employment, qualifications, and authority of administrative law judges, and providing with respect to access to the courts by a governmental agency or public official seeking judicial review of an administrative agency determination. (Adds Article XII, Section 15)

Ballot Number 11  
ACT 1307  
HOUSE BILL NO. 637, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To provide that mineral revenues classified under the constitution as nonrecurring revenues shall not also be classified as mineral revenues for purposes of determining the amount of such revenues to be deposited in the Budget Stabilization Fund. (Amends Article VII, Sections 10.3(A)(2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and 10.5(B))

Ballot Number 12  
ACT 1304  
HOUSE BILL NO. 604, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To clarify that the constitutional protection to private ownership of personal property (effects) does not apply to contraband. (Amends Article I, Section 4)

Ballot Number 13  
ACT 1303  
HOUSE BILL NO. 370, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To authorize local governments, in exchange for economic or industrial development, to use tax revenues dedicated to such development or proceeds of bonds secured by such revenues to acquire immovable property or maintain immovable property of the local government or to grant the use of such immovable property or other immovable property of the local government to persons, associations, or corporations that enter into an agreement to locate or expand industrial operations in the area, provided the consideration to be provided by the person, association, or corporation for use of such property is of any such amount or nature as provided in the agreement, a number of area residents are employed as specified in the agreement, and the agreement is approved by the State Bond Commission. (Amends Article VII, Section 14 (B))

Ballot Number 14  
ACT 1306  
HOUSE BILL NO. 576, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To prohibit the legislative auditor and any employee of the office of the legislative auditor from engaging in political activities, becoming a candidate for public office, contributing to political campaigns, and soliciting campaign contributions; and to prohibit any former legislative auditor from qualifying for elected public office until a period of two years has passed following the termination of his service as legislative auditor. (Amends Article III, Section 11)

Ballot Number 15  
ACT 1296  
HOUSE BILL NO. 19, 2003 REGULAR SESSION

To permit a judge who attains the mandatory retirement age of seventy years while serving a term of office to complete that term of office. (Effective January 1, 2004)(Amends Article V, Section 23(B))