

# STATEMENT OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS November 18, 2023

In compliance with R.S. 18:431 and R.S. 18:552, a statement of the Proposed Constitutional Amendments in the order in which they will appear on the ballot for the November 18, 2023 election is provided as follows:

**1. Do you support an amendment to clarify that the timing of gubernatorial action on a bill and his return of a vetoed bill to the legislature is based upon the legislative session in which the bill passed and to authorize the legislature, if it is in session, to reconsider vetoed bills without convening a separate veto session? (Effective January 8, 2024)**

**(Amends Article III, Section 18)**

Act 278 (2022 Regular Session)

The proposed constitutional amendment would clarify that the timing of the governor's action on a bill and his return of a vetoed bill to the legislature is based upon the legislative session in which the bill passed, and would allow the legislature, if it is in session, to reconsider vetoed bills without the need of convening a separate veto session.

**2. Do you support an amendment to remove provisions of the Constitution of Louisiana which created the following inactive special funds within the state treasury: Atchafalaya Basin Conservation Fund, Higher Education Louisiana Partnership Fund, Millennium Leverage Fund, Agricultural and Seafood Products Support Fund, First Use Tax Trust Fund, Louisiana Investment Fund for Enhancement and to provide for the transfer of any remaining monies in such funds to the state general fund?**

**(Repeals Article VII, Sections 4(D)(4)(b), 10.4, 10.10, and 10.12(B) and (C) and Article IX, Sections 9 and 10)**

Act 199 (2023 Regular Session)

The proposed constitutional amendment would remove from the constitution provisions that created specific special funds within the state treasury which are now inactive and transfer any remaining monies in those funds to the state general fund.

**3. Do you support an amendment to authorize the local governing authority of a parish to provide an ad valorem tax exemption for qualified first responders?**

**(Adds Article VII, Section 21(O))**

Act 179 (2023 Regular Session)

The proposed constitutional amendment would authorize local governing authorities to provide an exemption for qualified first responders from ad valorem property taxes. A parish governing authority would be permitted to approve an additional ad valorem tax exemption of up to two thousand five hundred dollars of assessed valuation of property already receiving a homestead exemption that is owned and occupied by a qualified first responder. Any decrease in the total amount of ad valorem tax collected by the taxing authority as a result of the ad valorem tax exemption shall be absorbed by the taxing authority and shall not create any additional tax liability for other taxpayers in the taxing district as a result of any subsequent reappraisal and valuation or millage adjustment.

**4. Do you support an amendment authorizing the legislature, after securing a two-thirds vote of each house, to use up to two hundred fifty million dollars from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund to alleviate a budget deficit subject to conditions set forth by law and allowing the legislature to modify such conditions for accessing the monies in the fund, subject to two-thirds vote?**

**(Amends Article VII, Section 10.15(E)(1) and (F); Adds Article VII, Section 10.15(G))**

Act 198 (2023 Regular Session)

The proposed constitutional amendment would authorize the legislature, after a successful two-thirds vote of each house, to use up to \$250,000,000 from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund to alleviate budget deficits under certain conditions set forth in law.