

STATEMENT OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

May 16, 2026

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 May 16, 2026 election is provided as follows:

1. “Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to remove or add officers, positions, and employees to the unclassified state civil service?” (Amends Article X, Section 2(B))

Act 223 (2025 Regular Session)

Present Constitution lists specific officers and employees in the unclassified state and city civil service and provides that additional positions may be added in the unclassified service which may be revoked by rules adopted by a commission.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment retains present constitution and proposes that additional officers, positions, and employees may be added to the unclassified service in the state civil service by law and such additional officers, positions, and employees may be removed from the unclassified service only by law.

2. Do you support an amendment to grant the St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish the same authority granted parishes for purposes of Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana, including purposes related to the minimum foundation program, funding for certain school books and instructional materials, and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools? (Amends Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1))

Act 218 (2025 Regular Session)

Present Constitution provides that the Central and Zachary community school systems in East Baton Rouge Parish, the municipalities of Baker in East Baton Rouge Parish, Monroe in Ouachita Parish, and Bogalusa in Washington Parish, and no others, be regarded and treated as parishes and have the authority granted parishes with respect to operating a school system.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment retains existing constitution and adds that the St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish shall also be regarded and treated as a parish and have the authority granted parishes to operate a school system.

3. Do you support an amendment to fund a \$2,250 teacher pay raise and \$1,125 support staff pay raise by utilizing the remaining savings from paying down the debt of the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana with monies from certain constitutional funds? (Effective January 1, 2027) (Amends Article VII, Section 10.8(A)(1), (2), and (4), (B), and (C)(1); Adds Article VII, Section 10.17; Repeals Article VII, Sections 10(F)(4)(d), 10.1, 10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), and 10.16(A)(9))

Act 222 (2025 Regular Session)

Present Constitution provides for the allocation of certain monies into constitutionally created designated funds, such as the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund, the Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund, and the Millennium Trust.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment repeals the following funds in the state treasury and applies the monies from those funds to the Unfunded Accrued Liability of the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana: the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund, the Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund, and the Education Excellence Fund. Requires savings from the Unfunded Accrued Liability payment to be used to fund a permanent pay increase of \$2,250 for certificated personnel and \$1,125 for noncertificated personnel. Requires the Minimum Foundation Program formula for the 2026-2027 school year to include funding necessary to cover equivalent raises for personnel whose employers do not participate in the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana and to fully fund any required raises for employers that do participate in the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana but that did not recognize savings sufficient to fully fund the required pay increase amounts.

4. Do you support an amendment to allow a parish to reduce or exempt property tax on property held as business inventory and to provide for the classification of Public Service Property? (Amends Article VII, Sections 10.15(F)(1) and 18(A) and (B); Adds Article VII, Sections 20.1, 20.2, and 21(P))

Act 221 (2025 Regular Session)

Present Constitution establishes the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund in the state treasury as a special trust fund and provides that no appropriations shall be made from the Trust fund, except for the following: 1) where the balance of the fund at the beginning of the year is in excess of five billion dollars, the legislature may appropriate an amount not to exceed ten percent of the fund balance for capital outlay projects in the comprehensive state capital budget or transportation infrastructure, and 2) for appropriation in an emergency, which requires the consent of two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment retains present constitution and adds other appropriations from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund are permissible as otherwise provided for in the Louisiana Constitution.

Present Constitution requires that all property subject to ad valorem tax be listed on the parish assessment rolls at its assessed valuation, which shall be a percentage of the property’s fair market value based on the property’s classification. Present constitution requires that the percentage of the property’s fair market value be uniform throughout the state on the same class of property. Present Constitution establishes a classification of property subject to ad valorem taxation and the percentage of fair market value applicable to each classification for the purpose of determining assessed valuation.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment retains present constitution, and proposes to add a separate classification for public service property, excluding land, owned by a railroad company, and a separate classification for business inventory.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment provides that the legislature shall not enact any law requiring any taxing authority to exempt business inventory from ad valorem tax.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment defines “business inventory” to mean the aggregate of those items of tangible personal property that are held for sale in the ordinary course of business, are currently in the process of production for subsequent sale, or are to physically become a part of the production of such goods.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment provides for a one-time payment from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund to each parish that elects to irrevocably exempt all business inventory within its boundaries from ad valorem tax.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment requires any payment made from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund to be disbursed by the treasurer to the tax collector of the parish. Proposed constitutional amendment requires the tax collector to distribute the monies pro rata to each taxing authority that levies an ad valorem tax within the parish.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment requires the amount of the payment to be calculated as provided by law and certified by the Department of Revenue.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment authorizes an optional ad valorem property tax exemption on items constituting business inventory, effective only if the sheriff, school board, and the parish governing authority elect to exempt business inventory from ad valorem taxation.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment permits a parish to exempt all property constituting business inventory or elect to provide for a partial exemption of property constituting business inventory by reducing the percentage of fair market value applicable to such property if the sheriff, school board, and the parish governing authority agree to the exemption or reduction.

5. Do you support an amendment to change the mandatory retirement age for judges from seventy to seventy-five, provided that a judge may continue to serve to complete a term of office? (Amends Article V, Section 23(B))

Act 219 (2025 Regular Session)

Present Constitution provides that a judge shall not remain in office beyond his seventieth birthday, but if a judge attains the age of seventy years of age while serving a term of office, he shall be allowed to complete that term of office.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment provides that a judge shall not remain in office beyond his seventy-fifth birthday, but if a judge attains the age of seventy-five years of age while serving a term of office, he shall be allowed to complete that term of office.