

Regular Session, 2006

SENATE BILL NO. 141

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

ASSESSORS. Constitutional amendment to provide for a single assessor in Orleans Parish.
(2/3-CA13s1(A))

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 24 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for a single tax assessor in Orleans Parish; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 24 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§24. Tax Assessors

Section 24.(A) Election; Term. A tax assessor shall be elected by the electors of each parish, ~~Orleans Parish~~ excepted. His term of office shall be four years. His election, duties, and compensation shall be as provided by law.

~~(B) Orleans Parish. There shall be seven assessors in New Orleans, who shall compose the Board of Assessors for Orleans Parish. One shall be elected from each municipal district of New Orleans, and each shall be a resident of the district from which he is elected. The assessors shall be elected at the same time as the municipal officers of New Orleans, for terms of four years each. Their duties and~~

1 ~~compensation shall be as provided by law.~~

2 ~~(C)~~**(B)** Vacancy. When a vacancy occurs in the office of tax assessor, the
3 duties of the office, until filled by election as provided by law, shall be assumed by
4 the chief deputy assessor, ~~except in Orleans Parish where the Board of Assessors~~
5 ~~shall appoint an interim assessor.~~

6 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
7 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 7,
8 2006.

9 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
10 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
11 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
12 read as follows:

13 To provide for a single tax assessor in Orleans Parish. (Amends Article VII,
14 Section 24)

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Todd Parker.

DIGEST

Present constitution provides for a tax assessor to be elected from each parish.

Present constitution provides for seven tax assessors for Orleans Parish to be elected one
from each municipal district of New Orleans. Provides for election dates, residency
requirements, and terms of office.

Proposed constitutional amendment deletes authorization for seven tax assessors in Orleans
Parish. Provides for a single tax assessor in Orleans Parish.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on
November 7, 2006.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, Sec. 24)