

SENATE BILL NO. 141 (Duplicate of House Bill No. 642)

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS AND REPRESENTATIVE BADON AND COAUTHORED
BY SENATORS BOASSO, QUINN, SHEPHERD, DARDENNE,
HOLLIS AND SCHEDLER AND REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

9 §24. Tax Assessors

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

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

19 (C) Vacancy. When a vacancy occurs in the office of tax assessor, the duties
20 of the office, until filled by election as provided by law, shall be assumed by the
21 chief deputy assessor, ~~except in Orleans Parish where the Board of Assessors shall~~
22 ~~appoint an interim assessor.~~

1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 7,
3 2006.

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

8 To provide for a single tax assessor in Orleans Parish to be elected at the
9 same time as the municipal officers of New Orleans. (Amends Article VII,
10 Section 24)

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES