

Regular Session, 2007

SENATE BILL NO. 2

BY SENATOR FONTENOT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LOCAL EMPLOYEES. Constitutional amendment to provide relative to supplemental pay for full-time law enforcement and fire protection officers.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10(D)(3)(a) and (c) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the expenditure of state funds; to prohibit the reduction of state salary supplements for full-time law enforcement and fire protection officers; 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 10(D)(3)(a) and (c) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§10. Expenditure of State Funds

Section 10. \* \* \*

(D) \* \* \*

(3)(a) The legislature shall provide by law for the payment by the state of supplements to the salaries of full-time local law enforcement and fire protection officers of the state. **No law shall reduce any payments by the state provided as a supplement to the salaries of full-time local law enforcement and fire**

1           **protection officers of the state.** Beginning with the fiscal year which begins July  
2           1, 2003, the legislature shall appropriate funds sufficient to fully fund the cost of  
3           such state supplement to the salaries of full-time law enforcement and fire protection  
4           officers.

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6                           (c) Full funding as required in Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph  
7           shall be equal to the amount which is required to meet the requirements of law ~~as~~  
8           ~~such requirements are in effect on July 1, 2001.~~

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10           Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
11           to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 20,  
12           2007.

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

17                           To prohibit the reduction of state salary supplements for full-time law  
18                           enforcement and fire protection officers.  
19                           (Amends Article VII, Section 10(D)(3)(a) and (c))

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

DIGEST

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Proposed constitutional amendment prohibits the reduction of state salary supplements for full-time local law enforcement and fire protection officers. Further provides that full funding shall be the amount needed to meet legal requirements by law.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on Oct. 20, 2007.

(Amends Const. Art VII, Sec.10(D)(3)(a) and (c))