

Present constitution prohibits the state or any political subdivision from loaning, pledging, or donating funds, credit, property, or things of value. Authorizes, for a public purpose, public entities to engage in cooperative endeavors with each other or with other public or private entities.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides for an exception to the prohibition in present constitution. Authorizes a city or parish to loan, pledge, or donate tax revenues dedicated to industrial or economic development or proceeds of bonds secured by such revenues. Requires that the local government enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the beneficiary of the loan, donation, or pledge in which the beneficiary agrees to locate or expand industrial enterprises within the city or parish and to hire a minimum number of local residents as specified in the agreement. Authorizes a local government to enter a cooperative endeavor for this purpose subject to Bond Commission approval of the agreement.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 7, 2000.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §14(B))