

Regular Session, 1998

SENATE BILL NO. 29

BY SENATOR BAGNERIS

TAX/TAXATION. Constitutional amendment authorizing a waiver of tax liens and tax liabilities to owners of blighted properties under certain conditions.

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Constitution of
3 Louisiana, relative to providing certain tax deductions to owners of
4 blighted properties; to authorize a waiver of tax liens and tax liabilities
5 on such properties in certain circumstances; and to specify an election
6 for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot
7 proposition.

8 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of
9 the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted
10 to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner
11 provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the
12 Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

13 §14. Donation, Loan, or Pledge of Public Credit

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15 B. Authorized Uses. Nothing in this Section shall prevent (1)
16 the use of public funds for programs of social welfare for the aid and

1 support of the needy; (2) contributions of public funds to pension and
2 insurance programs for the benefit of public employees; (3) the pledge
3 of public funds, credit, property, or things of value for public purposes
4 with respect to the issuance of bonds or other evidences of
5 indebtedness to meet public obligations as provided by law; (4) the
6 return of property, including mineral rights, to a former owner from
7 whom the property had previously been expropriated, or purchased
8 under threat of expropriation, when the legislature by law declares that
9 the public and necessary purpose which originally supported the
10 expropriation has ceased to exist and orders the return of the property
11 to the former owner under such terms and conditions as specified by
12 the legislature; (5) acquisition of stock by any institution of higher
13 education in exchange for any intellectual property; ~~or~~ (6) the donation
14 of abandoned or blighted housing property by the governing authority
15 of a municipality or a parish to a nonprofit organization which is
16 recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4)
17 nonprofit organization and which agrees to renovate and maintain such
18 property until conveyance of the property by such organization; **(7) the**
19 **deduction of any tax, interest, penalty, or other charges forming the**
20 **basis of tax liens on blighted property so that they may be**
21 **subordinated and waived in favor of any purchaser who is not a**
22 **member of the immediate family of the blighted property owner or**
23 **which is not any entity in which the owner has a substantial**
24 **economic interest, but only in connection with a property renovation**
25 **plan approved by the parish or municipal government where the**
26 **property is located; or (8) the deduction of past due taxes, interest**
27 **and penalties in favor of an owner of a blighted property, but only**

property renovation plan, and only after the renovation is complete.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the congressional primary election to be held in 1998.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, Sec. 14(B))