

Regular Session, 1999

SENATE BILL NO. 294

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit the payment of supplemental pay to the Harbor Police Dept. of the Port of New Orleans, the Orleans Levee District Police Dept., and the Crescent City Connection Police. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article X, Section 10(A)(1)(a) of the Constitution of
3 Louisiana, relative to state and city civil service rules; to authorize
4 supplemental pay to certain police officers from funds available; and
5 to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and
6 provide a ballot proposition.

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

12 §10. Rules; Investigations; Wages and Hours

13 Section 10. (A) Rules. (1) Powers. (a)(i) Each commission is
14 vested with broad and general rulemaking and subpoena powers for the
15 administration and regulation of the classified service, including the
16 power to adopt rules for regulating employment, promotion, demotion,

1 suspension, reduction in pay, removal, certification, qualifications,
2 political activities, employment conditions, compensation and
3 disbursements to employees, and other personnel matters and
4 transactions; to adopt a uniform pay and classification plan; to require
5 an appointing authority to institute an employee training and safety
6 program; and generally to accomplish the objectives and purposes of
7 the merit system of civil service as herein established. It may make
8 recommendations with respect to employee training and safety.

9 **Article X, Section 10(A)(1)(a)(ii) is all proposed new law.**

10 (ii) Nothing herein shall prevent the legislature from enacting
11 laws authorizing the Harbor Police Department of the Port of New
12 Orleans, the Orleans Levee District Police Department, and the
13 Crescent City Connection Police from having their uniform pay plans
14 supplemented from any available funds of the state, the department, the
15 agency, or the political subdivision forsworn, commissioned law
16 enforcement officers employed on a full-time basis by such police
17 department who serve the welfare of the public, in their capacity as
18 police officers, by providing police services to the general public, by
19 effecting arrests, issuing citations, serving warrants, patrolling
20 waterways, bridges, and riverfront areas.

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22 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
23 submitted to the electors of the state at the gubernatorial primary election to
24 be held in 1999.

25 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used
26 at the election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of
27 the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the

1 Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

2 To authorize the legislature to allow the Harbor Police
 3 Department of the Port of New Orleans, the Orleans Levee
 4 District Police Department, and the Crescent City Connection
 5 Police to have their uniform pay plans supplemented from any
 6 available funds of state, the department, the agency or the
 7 political subdivision forsworn, commissioned law enforcement
 8 officers employed on a full-time basis by such police force who
 9 serve the welfare of the public, in the capacity of police officer,
 10 by providing police services to the general public, by effecting
 11 arrests, issuing citations, serving warrants, patrolling waterways,
 12 bridges, and riverfront areas. (Amends Article X, Section
 13 10(A)(1)(a))

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

DIGEST

Present constitution vests state and local civil service commissions with broad powers of administration for regulating all matters concerning employment including compensation, the adoption of uniform pay and classification plans.

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the legislature to enact laws authorizing the Harbor Police Department of the Port of New Orleans, the Orleans Levee District Police Dept., and the Crescent City Connection Police to have their uniform pay plans of the police officers supplemented from any available funds of the state, the department, the agency, or the political subdivision for full-time, commissioned officers who provide police services.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the gubernatorial general election in 1999.

(Amends Const. Art. X, Sec. 10(A)(1)(a))