

Regular Session, 1999

SENATE BILL NO. 294

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER AND REPRESENTATIVE WINDHORST

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 10(A)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state and city civil service rules; to authorize supplemental pay to certain police officers from funds available; 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 X, Section 10(A)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§10. Rules; Investigations; Wages and Hours

Section 10. (A) Rules. (1) Powers. (a) Each commission is vested with broad and general rulemaking and subpoena powers for the administration and regulation of the classified service, including the power to adopt rules for regulating employment, promotion, demotion, suspension, reduction in pay, removal, certification, qualifications, political activities, employment conditions, compensation and disbursements to employees, and other personnel matters and transactions; to adopt a uniform pay and classification plan; to require an appointing authority to institute an employee training and safety program; and generally to accomplish the objectives and purposes of

the merit system of civil service as herein established. It may make recommendations with respect to employee training and safety.

Article X, Section 10(A)(1)(b) is all new law.

(b) Nothing herein shall prevent the legislature from supplementing police department uniform pay plans from any available funds of the state, the department, the agency, or the political subdivision, provided that such supplement may be made available only for sworn, commissioned law enforcement officers employed on a full-time basis by such police department who serve the welfare of the public, in their capacity as police officers, by providing police services to the general public, by effecting arrests, issuing citations, and serving warrants while patrolling levees, bridges, waterways, and riverfronts.

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

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

To authorize the legislature to supplement police department uniform pay plans from any available funds of state, the department, the agency or the political subdivision only for sworn, provided that such supplement may be made available only for sworn commissioned law enforcement officers employed on a full-time basis by such police force who serve the welfare of the public, in the capacity of police officer, by

providing police services to the general public, by effecting arrests, issuing citations, and serving warrants while patrolling levees, bridges, waterways, and riverfronts. (Amends Article X, Section 10(A)(1))

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES