

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 and the Orleans Levee District Police Dept. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article X, Section 10(A)(1) 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) 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 and the Orleans Levee District Police Department from having
 13 their uniform pay plans supplemented from any available funds of the
 14 state, the department, the agency, or the political subdivision forsworn,
 15 commissioned law enforcement officers employed on a full-time basis
 16 by such police department who serve the welfare of the public, in their
 17 capacity as police officers, by providing police services to the general
 18 public, by effecting arrests, issuing citations, serving warrants,
 19 patrolling waterways, and riverfront areas.

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

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

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

The original instrument was prepared by Linda Nugent. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Tom Wade.

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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 and the Orleans Levee District Police Dept. 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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill.

1. Deletes Crescent City Correction Police from provisions of bill.