

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 263

BY SENATOR ERDEY

PUBLIC PROPERTY. Constitutional amendment to permit the donation of the use of public equipment and personnel to the state or a political subdivision. (2/3 - CA13s1)

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to  
3 public equipment and personnel; to authorize, pursuant to a written agreement, the  
4 donation of the use of public equipment and personnel by the state or a political  
5 subdivision to the state or a political subdivision for an activity or power which the  
6 requesting public entity is authorized to exercise; and to specify an election for  
7 submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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

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

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14 (B) Authorized Uses. Nothing in this Section shall prevent (1) the use of  
15 public funds for programs of social welfare for the aid and support of the needy; (2)  
16 contributions of public funds to pension and insurance programs for the benefit of  
17 public employees; (3) the pledge of public funds, credit, property, or things of value

1 for public purposes with respect to the issuance of bonds or other evidences of  
2 indebtedness to meet public obligations as provided by law; (4) the return of  
3 property, including mineral rights, to a former owner from whom the property had  
4 previously been expropriated, or purchased under threat of expropriation, when the  
5 legislature by law declares that the public and necessary purpose which originally  
6 supported the expropriation has ceased to exist and orders the return of the property  
7 to the former owner under such terms and conditions as specified by the legislature;  
8 (5) acquisition of stock by any institution of higher education in exchange for any  
9 intellectual property; (6) the donation of abandoned or blighted housing property by  
10 the governing authority of a municipality or a parish to a nonprofit organization  
11 which is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4)  
12 nonprofit organization and which agrees to renovate and maintain such property until  
13 conveyance of the property by such organization; (7) the deduction of any tax,  
14 interest, penalty, or other charges forming the basis of tax liens on blighted property  
15 so that they may be subordinated and waived in favor of any purchaser who is not  
16 a member of the immediate family of the blighted property owner or which is not  
17 any entity in which the owner has a substantial economic interest, but only in  
18 connection with a property renovation plan approved by an administrative hearing  
19 officer appointed by the parish or municipal government where the property is  
20 located; (8) the deduction of past due taxes, interest, and penalties in favor of an  
21 owner of a blighted property, but only when the owner sells the property at less than  
22 the appraised value to facilitate the blighted property renovation plan approved by  
23 the parish or municipal government and only after the renovation is completed such  
24 deduction being canceled, null and void, and to no effect in the event ownership of  
25 the property in the future reverts back to the owner or any member of his immediate  
26 family; (9) the donation by the state of asphalt which has been removed from state  
27 roads and highways to the governing authority of the parish or municipality where  
28 the asphalt was removed, or if not needed by such governing authority, then to any  
29 other parish or municipal governing authority, but only pursuant to a cooperative

1 endeavor agreement between the state and the governing authority receiving the  
2 donated property; (10) the investment in stocks of a portion of the Rockefeller  
3 Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund, created under the provisions of R.S.  
4 56:797, and the Russell Sage or Marsh Island Refuge Fund, created under the  
5 provisions of R.S. 56:798, such portion not to exceed thirty-five percent of each  
6 fund; (11) the investment in stocks of a portion of the state-funded permanently  
7 endowed funds of a public or private college or university, not to exceed thirty-five  
8 percent of the public funds endowed; or (12) the investment in equities of a portion  
9 of the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly created under the provisions of R.S.  
10 46:2691 et seq., such portion not to exceed thirty-five percent of the fund; or (13) the  
11 investment of public funds to capitalize a state infrastructure bank and the loan,  
12 pledge, or guarantee of public funds by a state infrastructure bank solely for  
13 transportation projects, **or (14) pursuant to a written agreement, the donation of**  
14 **the use of public equipment and personnel by the state or a political subdivision**  
15 **upon request to the state or a political subdivision for an activity or power the**  
16 **requesting state or political subdivision is authorized to exercise.**

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18 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
19 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,  
20 2018.

21 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election  
22 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
23 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
24 follows:

25 Do you support an amendment to permit, pursuant to written agreement, the  
26 donation of the use of public equipment and personnel by the state or a  
27 political subdivision upon request to the state or a political subdivision for  
28 an activity or power which the requesting state or political subdivision is  
29 authorized to exercise? (Amends Const. Art. VII, §14(B))

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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SB 263 Original DIGEST Erdey  
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Present constitution prohibits the loan, pledge, or donation of funds, credit, property, or things of value of the state. Provides an extensive list of exceptions to this prohibition.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and adds an exception that, pursuant to written agreement, permits the use of public equipment and personnel by the state or a political subdivision upon the request to the state or a political subdivision for an activity or power which the requesting state or political subdivision is authorized to exercise.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 6, 2018.

(Amends Const. Art. 7, §14(B))