

Existing constitution authorizes the governing authority of a parish to levy an ad valorem tax for general purposes not to exceed four mills. However, for Orleans Parish the maximum is seven mills.

Existing constitution further authorizes the governing authority of Orleans Parish to levy an additional ad valorem tax for fire protection and an additional ad valorem tax for police protection. Provides that the maximum tax for each purpose is five mills. Proposed constitutional amendment increases such maximum tax rates to 10 mills. Requires voter approval of a tax increase pursuant to proposed constitutional amendment.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires that the revenues generated by the fire and police millages be used solely for police and fire protection services that directly contribute to the safety of the residents of Orleans Parish.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014.

(Amends Const. Art. VI, §26(E))