



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; (12) the investment in equities of a portion of  
 9 the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly created under the provisions of R.S. 46:2691  
 10 et seq., such portion not to exceed thirty-five percent of the fund; (13) the investment  
 11 of public funds to capitalize a state infrastructure bank and the loan, pledge, or  
 12 guarantee of public funds by a state infrastructure bank solely for transportation  
 13 projects; (14) pursuant to a written agreement, the donation of the use of public  
 14 equipment and personnel by a political subdivision upon request to another political  
 15 subdivision for an activity or function the requesting political subdivision is  
 16 authorized to exercise; ~~or~~ (15) a political subdivision from waiving charges for water  
 17 if the charges are the result of water lost due to damage to the water delivery  
 18 infrastructure and that damage is not the result of any act or failure to act by the  
 19 customer being charged for the water; **or (16) the use of public funds by a political**  
 20 **subdivision for the purpose of identifying, inventorying, removing or replacing**  
 21 **drinking water utility service lines made of or affected by hazardous materials**  
 22 **including but not limited to lead, copper, galvanized steel or iron, on property**  
 23 **owned by utility customers.**

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25 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to  
 26 the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,  
 27 2026.

28 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election  
 29 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted

1 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
2 follows:

3 Do you support an amendment to allow for the use of public funds by a  
4 political subdivision for the purpose of identifying, inventorying, removing  
5 or replacing drinking water utility service lines made of or affected by  
6 hazardous materials including but not limited to lead, copper, galvanized  
7 steel or iron, on property owned by utility customers?

8 (Amends Article VII, Section 14)

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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DIGEST

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Proposed constitutional amendment provides for the use of public funds by a political subdivision for the purpose of identifying, inventorying, removing or replacing drinking water utility service lines made of or affected by hazardous materials including, but not limited to, lead, copper, galvanized steel or iron, on property owned by utility customers.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, Sec. 14)