

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 581

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER

SUPPLEMENTAL PAY: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for supplemental pay for probation and parole officers

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to add Article X, Section 10(A)(1)(c) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative
3 to state supplemental pay; to authorize state supplemental pay for probation and
4 parole officers employed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to
5 provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to provide for an
6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

11 §10. Rules; Investigations; Wages and Hours

12 Section 10.

13 (A)

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15 (1)

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17 (c) Nothing herein shall prevent the legislature from supplementing the
18 uniform pay plans for sworn, commissioned law enforcement officers employed
19 within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections as a probation or parole
20 officer.

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1 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective July 1, 2027.

2 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
3 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
4 2026.

5 Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
6 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
7 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
8 follows:

9 Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to provide state
10 supplemental pay to commissioned law enforcement officers employed
11 within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections as a probation or
12 parole officer? (Effective July 1, 2027) (Adds Article X, Section 10(A)(1)(c))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the legislature to provide supplemental pay by law to certain commissioned law enforcement officers

Present constitution authorizes the legislature to provide state supplemental pay to sworn commissioned law enforcement officers employed by the state or its political subdivisions, provided those officers are employed on a full-time basis and serve the welfare of the public in the capacity of a police officer by effecting arrests, issuing citations, and serving warrants while patrolling waterways and riverfront areas.

Proposed constitution retains present constitution and additionally authorizes the legislature to provide state supplemental pay to commissioned law enforcement officers employed within the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections as a probation or parole officer.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 3, 2026.

Effective July 1, 2027.

(Adds Art. X, §10(A)(1)(c))