

1 sales and use taxes, exclusive of state sales and use taxes, levied and collected within
2 any local governmental subdivision, shall not exceed three percent. Collection of the
3 sales tax authorized pursuant to this Paragraph shall be provided for in law and in
4 accordance with Section 3 of Article VII of this constitution.

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6 Section 2. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
8 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add
9 Article VII, Section 3(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §3. Collection of Taxes

11 Section 3.

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13 C.(1)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary,
14 the legislature may provide by law, enacted by a two-thirds vote of the elected
15 members of each house of the legislature, for the centralized collection of all sales
16 and use taxes levied by all taxing authorities within the state.

17 (b) Any law establishing the procedure for centralized collection shall ensure
18 the prompt remittance of the respective tax monies collected by the central collector
19 to the single collector for each parish for distribution to the respective taxing
20 authority identified on the taxpayers' returns.

21 (2) If the centralized collection of taxes is performed by the state, the taxes
22 collected shall not be commingled with state monies or considered state money or
23 state funds for purposes of Section 9 of this Article. The tax monies collected are
24 deemed to be the property of the taxing authority which imposed the tax.

25 (3) Absent the enactment of law for centralized collection as provided in this
26 Paragraph, sales and use tax collection shall be as provided in Paragraph (B) of this
27 Section.

28 Section 3. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in
29 this Joint Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

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

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

8 Do you support an amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by law
9 for the centralized collection of all sales and use taxes levied in this state?
10 (Effective January 1, 2027) (Amends Article VI, Section 29(A); Adds
11 Article VII, Section 3(C))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the legislature to provide by law for the centralized collection of all sales and use taxes levied in La.

Present constitution authorizes any local governmental subdivision or school board to levy and collect taxes on the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services as defined by law, if approved by a majority of the electors voting on the taxes in an election held for that purpose.

Present constitution requires all local governing authorities that levy sales and use taxes within a parish to provide for the collection of their taxes by a single collector.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes present constitution by removing the authority of a local governmental subdivision to collect the sales and use taxes it imposes. Proposed constitutional amendment requires instead that the legislature provide by law for the centralized collection of all sales and use taxes levied by all taxing authorities within the state.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that if the state is the central collector, then the taxes of any nonstate taxing authority shall not be commingled with state monies or considered state money or state funds for purposes of present constitution with respect to the deposit of funds in the state treasury.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires that any law establishing the procedure for centralized collection shall ensure the prompt remittance of the respective tax monies collected by the central collector to the single collector for each parish for distribution to the respective taxing authority identified on the taxpayers' returns.

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

Effective Jan. 1, 2027.

(Amends Const. Art. VI, §29(A); Adds Const. Art. VII, §3(C))