

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 172

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

CIVIL SERVICE/STATE: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for supplemental pay for fire protection officers employed by an airport authority

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 10(A)(1)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state supplemental pay for fire protection officers; to authorize state supplemental pay for fire protection officers employed by an airport authority; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

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

§10. Rules; Investigations; Wages and Hours

Section 10.(A) Rules. (1) Powers.

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(b) Nothing herein shall prevent the legislature from supplementing the uniform pay plans for sworn, commissioned law enforcement officers employed by a bona fide police agency of the state or its political subdivisions and for fire protection officers employed by a port authority or an airport authority, from any available funds of the state, the department, the agency, or the political subdivision, provided that such supplement may be made available only for those sworn, commissioned law enforcement officers employed on a full-time basis who serve the

1 welfare of the public in the capacity of a police officer by providing police services
2 to the general public, by effecting arrests, issuing citations, and serving warrants
3 while patrolling waterways and riverfront areas and for those fire protection officers
4 employed on a full-time basis who provide fire protection services to a port authority
5 or an airport authority.

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7 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
8 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
9 2026.

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

14 Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to provide state
15 supplemental pay to fire protection officers employed by an airport
16 authority? (Amends Article X, Section 10(A)(1)(b))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for state supplemental pay to fire protection officers employed by an airport authority

Present constitution authorizes the legislature to provide state supplemental pay by law to sworn, commissioned law enforcement officers employed by the state or its political subdivisions and for fire protection officers employed by a port authority.

Proposed constitution retains present constitution and authorizes the legislature to provide state supplemental pay by law to fire protection officers employed by an airport authority.

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

(Amends Const. Art. X, §10(A)(1)(b))