PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

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SHERIFF'S SALE
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
VS.NO. 2025-2336
RANDY RAY MEYER A/K/A RANDY R. MEYER A/K/A RANDY MEYER
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale via an online auction site at www.bid4assets.com/ouachitasheriffsales, between the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

Lot 17 of Pine Hill Estates Subdivision, a subdivision of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, situated in Section 30, Township 18 North, Range 2 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, as per the plat and map thereof, on file and of record in plat book 13, page 155; Less and except the east 25 feet thereof as described in conveyance book 1500, page 148 of the records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.

Said sale is WITH benefit of appraisement to the last and highest bidder.

MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
March 5, 2026 April 2, 2026

SHERIFF'S SALE
GUARANTY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF DELHI VS.NO. 20253127
R & R PROPERTIES OF NELA, LLC
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT

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LOT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120), UNIT 3, PRESIDENTIAL ESTATES, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA

Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.

Said sale is WITH benefit of appraisement to the last and highest bidder.

MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
March 5, 2026 April 2, 2026

SHERIFF'S SALE
OUACHITA REALTY INVESTMENTS, INC VS.NO. 2026-0260
DANIEL MCCLOY
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT

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THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the SW corner of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 14, T16N-R1E, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. Thence proceed S. 89° 59' 22" E., along the South line of said forty a distance of 233.61 feet to the east right-of-way line of Jack Crowell Road (60' right-of-way), said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING PROPER.

Thence proceed northwesterly along the arc of a curve to the left and along the east right-of-way line of Jack Crowell Road, said curve having a distance of 56.79 feet, said curve having a radius of 306.20 feet and a chord being N. 11° 03' 47" W., and a chord length of 56.71 feet; thence procced N. 40° E, a distance of 205.17 feet; thence N. 89° 59' 13" E. a distance of 327.18 feet; thence S. 00° 01' 54" W. a distance of 212.98 feet to the south line of said forty; thence N. 89° 59' 22" W. along the south line of said forty a distance of 448.06 feet back to point of beginning proper. Containing 2.0 acres more or less. Herein described tract being bordered on the Northwest and North sides by a 60 foot wide private road. All adjacent property owners shall have the right of ingress and egress along said private road forever.

SUBJECT TO private road on Northwest and North sides over which adjacent owners have right of ingress and egress; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

BEARING MUNICIPAL NO. 995 JACK CROWELL ROAD, EROS, LOUISIANA 71238; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights of use and outstanding mineral rights affecting the property.

Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.

Said sale is WITHOUT benefit of appraisement to the last and highest bidder.

MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
March 5, 2026 April 2, 2026

SHERIFF'S SALE
MOVEMENT MORTGAGE, LLC
VS.NO. 20260282
BROOKE LEA MOREAU A/K/A BROOKE L. MOREAU A/K/A BROOKE MOREAU
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT

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A certain lot or parcel of ground in the W 1/2 of Section 25, Township 18 North, Range 3 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

From the northwest corner of Lot 18 of Lee Heights Subdivision, as per plat of record in pat book 10, page 126, of the records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, run north 35 degrees 53 1/2 minutes west a distance of 30 feet to the point of beginning; thence run north 54 degrees 05 minutes east a distance of 131 feet; thence run north 35 degrees 53 1/2 minutes west a distance of 150 feet, more or less, to the centerline of a creek; thence run westerly along the centerline of said creek a distance of 135 feet, more or les, to the west line of the property acquired by Kenneth D. Lee, per act of record in conveyance book 334, page 101, records of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; thence run south 35 degrees 53 1/2 minutes east along the west line of Kenneth D. Lee's property a distance of 150 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Together with a right-of-way for ingress and egress over and across the following described property, to-wit:

Beginning at the northwesterly corner of Lot 18 of said Lee Heights Subdivision and from said point of beginning run north 35 degrees 53 1/2 minutes west a distance of 30 feet to the southwesterly corner of the property hereinabove described; thence run easterly along the south line of the property herein described and an easterly extension thereof, a distance of 191 feet; thence run south 35 degrees 53 1/2 minutes east a distance of 30 feet, thence run westerly a distance of 191 feet, more or less, back to the point of beginning.

Manufactured Home Information: New/Used: Used
Year: 2002
Manufacturer's Name: Pinnacle Homes Model Name or Model No.: 3512 Serial No.: PIN 0307 AB AL
Length x Width: 52.25 x 30.33

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MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
March 5, 2026 April 2, 2026

Although it is believed not necessary, out of an abundance of caution notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution that on March 25, 2026, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric service in various parishes throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its Application for Approval of Generation and Transmission Resources and Other Relief Pursuant to the Commission's Lightning Initiative, and Request for Timely Treatment.

The filing seeks certification of various generation and transmission-related resources needed in connection with extending service to a new customer proposing to site a facility in northeast Louisiana. The filing sets forth that no new rate schedule or rider is being proposed for those resources and that the recovery of costs for those resources is anticipated to come at no additional cost to ELL's existing customers, but rather from the new customer through a Contribution in Aid of Construction Agreement and revenues received from the customer's participation in ELL's standard Large Load, High Load Factor Power Service Rate Schedule. The filing sets forth the various customer protections and benefits that result from ELL's service agreement with the customer and from the proposed resources presented in ELL's filing, including estimated benefits to customers of more than $2 billion. The filing further outlines the Company's execution plan for the construction of the relevant facilities.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Telephone: (225) 342-3157
ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC
4.2

Water Treatment Change Coming Soon to Residents of the
SOUTH MONROE WATER SYSTEM
Date: March 31, 2026

South Month Water System monitors the disinfectant residual in the distribution system on a daily basis. This measurement tells us whether we are effectively disinfecting the water supply. The disinfectant residual is the amount of chlorine or chloramines in the distribution system. Chlorine and chloramines are common disinfectants used by water suppliers to kill bacteria in drinking water; therefore, if the disinfectant residual is too low, microorganisms can potentially grow in the distribution piping.

In order to provide the most effective disinfection process, the South Monroe Water System is making a change in the type of disinfectant used. South Monroe will be switching from Free Chlorine to Chloramines.

When is this switch scheduled?

The PERMANANT switch to chloramines will occur on April 22, 2026.

What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other actions. This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

What can I do if I notice a different taste or smell?

During the switch, you may notice a taste and/or odor in your drinking water. Chloramine levels will continue to meet EPA standards and are not a health risk.

• Run the cold water tap for several minutes when water is not used for several days.

• Collect and refrigerate cold tap water in an open pitcher. Be sure to collect water after running the cold water tap for two minutes. Within a few hours, the taste and odor will disappear.

• Water filters can reduce taste and smell. Be sure to use a filter certified to meet National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) standards and replace the filter cartridge as recommended by the manufacturer.

Who should take special precautions?

Customers who normally take special precautions to remove chlorine from tap water, such as dialysis centers, medical facilities, and aquatic pet owners, should continue to take the same precautions during the switch to chloramines. Most methods for removing chlorine from tap water are effective in removing chloramines.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Water System Contact Name and Number: South Monroe Water System 318.322.3741
4.2

Executive Storage - Auction Notice
708 N. 29th St
Monroe, LA 71201
ELIZABETH MCGEE, UNIT 120
ANTHONY WILLIAMS, UNIT C01
SHENEQUA FLETCHER, UNIT C02
NEPTUNE HATFIELD, UNIT C07
KESHAYLA CAPERS, UNIT C09
ROBERTO LOPEZ, UNIT C11
FREDRICKA WILSON, UNIT C19
RACHAEL PROSPERIE, UNIT C20
CHRIS ANDERSON, UNIT C34
SUBWAY, UNIT C40
SHAWNDRIAH GREEN, UNIT C46
JAMES RICHARDSON, UNIT C49
ANTWON SMITH, UNIT C60
IRMA NORSWORTHY, UNIT C63
SELENA FLETCHER, UNIT C67
DENNIS TATUM, UNIT C74
ELIZABETH MCGEE, UNIT C81
MARTIN GONZALEZ, UNIT C96
MICHEAL HARGRAVE, UNIT C100
SUBWAY, UNIT C117
4.2

BID NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, Ouachita Parish School Board, 1600 North 7th Street, West Monroe, LA 71291 until 2:00 P.M. April 29, 2026 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

29-26 SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE

Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the Ouachita Parish School Board, Purchasing Department. The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids received based on statue.

Bidders also have the option to submit bids electronically. To submit a bid electronically, bidders must register at Central Bidding by visiting either https://www.centralbidding.com or https://www.centralauctionhouse.com For technical questions relating to the electronic bidding process for Central Bidding call Support 833.412.5717. Fees to submit electronically may apply. Payments of fees are the responsibility of the bidder. Submission of an electronic bid requires an electronic bid bond and a digital signature when applicable.

DATE April 2, 2026 DATE April 9. 2026
ATTEST:
Publish Ouachita Citizen
Todd Guice Secretary
OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD Tommy Comeaux, President
4.2, 4.9

If anyone knowing the whereabouts of Ms. Margie Earline Bayles Beard, please contact Donecia Banks-Miley at Banks-Miley Law Firm, 1900 N. 18th Street, Suite 105, Monroe, LA 71201 or (318) 582-5038.
4.2, 4.9

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS
LEASE PROPOSAL NUMBER RL-959

In accordance with La R.S. 39:1644, the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration invites proposals for the lease of usable space consisting of a minimum of 19,189 square feet of warehouse space. In order to satisfy the minimum square footage required, proposals from one or more offerers may be considered. Proposals for less than the minimum square footage stated may be entertained if deemed in the best interest of the state. Proposals to house approximately 5 employees for the Department of State, Elections Division within the limits of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, will be received by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control, Real Estate Leasing Section, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 708049095.

The successful offerer will be required to arrange, contract for, assume full responsibility of and pay for all moving costs involved to completely relocate the office (state owned property only) to the new location. This will include but not be limited to supplies normally needed for a move such as boxes, labels, tape, etc., and additionally, payment for third party vendors to dismantle, move and install computers, copiers and other sensitive equipment. This function of the Department of State is currently housed at 279 Huey Lenard Road, West Monroe, LA 71292. Please contact Jason Caillouet at (225) 276-1332 to make an appointment if interested in viewing the building.

The Department of State is currently under a contractual obligation until June 30, 2026, and a new lease agreement will not start until July 1, 2026.

Proposals are due by 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 7, 2026

Proposals can be mailed by U.S. Postal Service to Facility Planning and Control, Real Estate Leasing, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-9095, hand delivered or sent by courier service to 1201 North Third Street, Claiborne Building, 7th Floor, Suite 7-160, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5243 or can be emailed to Christy Wallace at Christy.Wallace2@La.Gov .

The proposal will remain firm for a period of SIXTY (60) days from the date due.

Each offerer must control the offered property, including parking areas, at the time of submission by ownership, leasehold or purchase agreement. At the time of submission, the property offered must meet all zoning requirements for the intended use.

The Division of Administration reserves the right to reject any and all proposals upon written determination that such action is taken in the best interest of the State.

The price for space offered will include all utilities such as electricity, gas, water, sewer, septic tank service, dumpster for trash/garbage, and cost for pickup and disposal of trash/garbage, and complete janitorial services including restroom, kitchen and cleaning supplies.

Only proposals submitted on the "Proposal for Negotiations" form shall be considered. Proposals submitted on any other format shall be considered non-responsive. The proposal form may be found at: https://www.doa.la.gov/doa/fpc/real-estate-leasing/

Questions about this notice may be addressed to Christy Wallace at Christy.Wallace2@La.Gov

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL
REAL ESTATE LEASING SECTION
4.2

NOTICE OF PENDING FORFEITURE

On January 6, 2026, in Ouachita Parish, Metro Narcotics Unit seized for forfeiture a total of $2,686 U.S. Currency from Patrick C. Blanson pursuant to LSA-R.S.40:2601 et seq.

The property was seized with respect to the alleged violation of Section 2603 and 2604 of the Seizure and Controlled Dangerous Substances Property Act of 1989 and will be forfeited pursuant to that Act.

If any person desires to contest the forfeiture of this property, they must mail a claim to the seizing agency and the District Attorney's Office, P.O. Box 1652, Monroe, LA, 71210 stating your interest in the property. The claim must be mailed, certified mail, return receipt requested, within thirty (30) days from the date this notice appears in the Ouachita Citizen. The Court may grant an extension for good cause shown if a motion requesting an extension is filed within sixty (60) days of this publication. The seizing agency in this matter is the Metro Narcotics Unit, 500 Natchitoches St., West Monroe, LA 71291.

Under R.S.40:2610, the claim shall be in affidavit form, signed by the claimant under oath, before one who has authority to administer the oath, under penalty of perjury or false swearing. It shall set forth the caption of the forfeiture proceedings, the address where the claimant will accept mail, the nature and extent of claimant's interest in the property, the date and identity of the transferor/seller, and the circumstances of the claimant's acquisitions, the specific provisions of this law asserting that the property is not subject to forfeiture, all essential facts supporting the assertion and the specific relief sought.

The failure to timely mail a claim to the seizing agency and the District Attorney's Office will result in forfeiture of the property to the State of Louisiana without further notice or hearing.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
G. SCOTT MOORE
ASST. DISTRICT ATTORNEY
4.2

NOTICE OF PENDING FORFEITURE

On January 20, 2026, in Ouachita Parish, Metro Narcotics Unit seized for forfeiture a total of $1,469 U.S. Currency from Darrius D. Walker pursuant to LSA-R.S.40:2601 et seq.

The property was seized with respect to the alleged violation of Section 2603 and 2604 of the Seizure and Controlled Dangerous Substances Property Act of 1989 and will be forfeited pursuant to that Act.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
G. SCOTT MOORE
ASST. DISTRICT ATTORNEY
4.2

NOTICE OF PENDING FORFEITURE

On February 10, 2026 in Ouachita Parish, Metro Narcotics Unit seized for forfeiture a total of $4,175 U.S. Currency from Darrius D. Walker pursuant to LSA-R.S.40:2601 et seq.

The property was seized with respect to the alleged violation of Section 2603 and 2604 of the Seizure and Controlled Dangerous Substances Property Act of 1989 and will be forfeited pursuant to that Act.

If any person desires to contest the forfeiture of this property, they must mail a claim to the seizing agency and the District Attorney's Office, P.O. Box 1652, Monroe, LA, 71210 stating your interest in the property. The claim must be mailed, certified mail, return receipt requested, within thirty (30) days from the date this notice appears in the Ouachita Citizen. The Court may grant an extension for good cause shown if a motion requesting an extension is filed within sixty (60) days of this publication. The seizing agency in this matter is the Metro Narcotics Unit, 500 Natchitoches St., West Monroe, LA 71291.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
G. SCOTT MOORE
ASST. DISTRICT ATTORNEY
4.2

Summary of Public Notice:
Project Owner: MLU Manor, LP
Project Name: MLU Manor
Project Address: 5062-5166 Blanks Street Monroe, LA 71203
Total Units: 72 – Multifamily Housing Development – 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Units

The project owner is proposing the new construction of the MLU Manor development, which will be a gated, disaster-resistant 72-unit multifamily housing development. The development will consist of a community clubhouse and supportive services which will be available for the tenants. The project owner is applying for a reservation of 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Community Development Block Grant and potentially other sources of funding from the Louisiana Housing Corporation.

The total estimated development cost is $ 19,528,777. The development will be funded with private financing and equity proceeds from the sale of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and other financing provided as follows (Amounts are estimated):

Permanent Financing$ 2,800,000
LIHTC Equity$ 7,490,679
Other:$ 9,238,098
Total sources of funds$ _19,528,777

NOTE: Please contact Bryn Meredith at bryn@mgmdevelopmentgroup.com for any questions regarding this notice.
3.26, 4.2, 4.9

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PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

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WEST MONROE PLANNING COMMISSION 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, LA 71291

West Monroe Planning Commission PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of West Monroe will meet in legal session on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at West Monroe City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, to review the following:

PA-26-1000002 by Chase Magown located at 1119 Tulane Ave (Parcel #94905) Requesting Planning Approval for Mobile Home (Year 2025/Size 28ftx56ft) with a garage attached in an R- 1 (Single Family Residential) District per West Monroe Code of Ordinances Section 12-5012 (3).

RESUB-26-55000003 by Reginald Fontana for property located at 405/407/409 N 7th St. (Parcel# 36644/37463/73602). Requesting Subdivision Review in an B-1 (Transitional Business) District per West Monroe Code of Ordinances Section 12-5014.

If you need special assistance, please contact Jonathan Kaufman, Building & Development Director, at 318-396-2600, and describe the assistance that is necessary.

The public is invited to attend.

Run Date: 04-02-2026, 04-09-2026, & 04-16-2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received for the Monroe Housing Authority at the Frances Tower, 300 Harrison Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201, until 2:00 PM, April 14th, 2026.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING.

FOR: Burg Jones Modernization 2

OWNER PROJECT NUMBER: 24CFP606.01

Complete Bid Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from www.aeplans.com. Printed copies are not available from the Designer, but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to TBA Studio:

PHONE: (318) 340-1550

All bids shall be accompanied by bid security in an amount of five percent (5.0%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates. The form of this security shall be as stated in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written as described in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD

at 10:00 AM on March 27th, 2026 at Burg Jones Management Office- 2601 Burg Jones Ln, Monroe, LA 71202

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of Building Construction. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212(B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section; and those stated in the bidding documents shall not be waived by any entity.

Run Date: 3/19/26, 3/26/26, 4/2/26

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids are requested by the D'Arbonne Woods Charter School from general contractors for construction of the following project:

A RE-ROOFING PROJECT FOR: D'ARBONNE WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL Project No.: DWCS031826

Bids will be received at the D'Arbonne Woods Charter School in the Board Room, 9560 Highway 33, Farmerville, Louisiana 71241 until: 2:00 PM, Thursday, April 16th, 2026, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Complete Bid Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from www.centerlinebidconnect.com. Printed copies are not available from the Designer, but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs for this project. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Designer at:

Taylor-Wallace Designs, Inc. 2021 Williams Colony Road Downsville, LA 71234 (318) 982-7338 gwallace@twdesignsinc.com

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 in the Board Room at D'Arbonne Woods Charter School, 9560 Highway 33, Farmerville, LA 71241. Bids will only be accepted by Contractors who attend the entire Pre-Bid Conference.

The successful Bidder is allowed 90 calendar days to complete the Project from the date stated in a Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at $500.00 for each consecutive calendar day for which the work is not substantially complete.

The project is classified as Building Construction. All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all additive alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as a licensed agent in this State and who is residing in this State. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable. The cost estimate is $350,000.00.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, and shall be countersigned by a person who is contracted with the surety company or bond issuer as agent of the company or issuer, and who is licensed as an insurance agent in this State and who is residing in this State, in an amount equal to 100% of the contract amount.

The Contract, if awarded, will be on the basis stated in the Instructions to Bidders. The non-collusion affidavit, and other requirements must be hand delivered by the apparent low bidder within 5 business days after the bid opening. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 45 days after the bid opening except as provided by law.

Only Contractors licensed according to Contractor's Licensing Law, R.S. 37:2151-2163, shall be considered if his bid is greater than $50,000.00 and shall show his license number on exterior of Bid Envelope and above his signature or the signature of his duly authorized representative.

The D'Arbonne Woods Charter School Board reserves the right to award the project on whatever basis is in the interest of the Owner and to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities.

Doug Postel, Executive Director D'Arbonne Woods Charter School 03/19/26, 03/26/26, 04/02/26

The proposed operating budget for the City Court of the City of Monroe for the 2026-2027 fiscal year is hereby advertised and made available for public inspection between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM Monday through Friday, at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Monroe City Court, 600 Calypso Street, Monroe, LA 71201.

This notice is published in compliance with L.S.A. – R.S. 39:1306, et seq.

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AMENDED AND RESTATED
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (this "**Agreement**"), which shall be dated as of March 24, 2026, is by and among:

TOWN OF STERLINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA (the "**Town**"), a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, represented and appearing herein through Matt Tolbert, Mayor, and Natalie Penrose, Clerk, both duly authorized hereunto by virtue of an Ordinance adopted by the governing authority of the Town on April 14, 2020 and resolution adopted by the governing authority of the Town on March 24, 2026, whose mailing address is 503 Highway 2, Sterlington, Louisiana 71280;

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO.1 OF THE TOWN OF STERLINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA (the "**District**"), a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, represented and appearing herein through Matt Tolbert, as Mayor and *ex officio* Chief Executive Officer of the District, and Natalie Penrose, Clerk, each duly authorized hereunto by virtue of a resolution adopted by the governing authority of the District on March 24, 2026 whose mailing address is 503 Highway 2, Sterlington, Louisiana 71280;

WHO DECLARED that they are each a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and desire to avail themselves of the provisions of Article VI, Section 20 and Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, The Local Services Law (Sub-Part A, Part VII, Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended), the Cooperative Economic Development Law (Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended), and Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*), by entering into this Agreement for the objects and purposes and under the conditions, covenants and stipulations hereinafter set forth, with:

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*) (the "**EDD Act**") authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the EDD Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the EDD Act and other law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the EDD Act, the Town, acting through its governing authority, adopted Ordinance No. 2020-02 (TAX), on April 14, 2020, creating the District, in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.32 (the "**EDD Ordinance**").

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 20 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that a political subdivision may exercise and perform any authorized power and function, including financing, jointly or in cooperation with one or more political subdivisions, either within or without the state, or with the United States or its agencies; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual; and

WHEREAS, Sub-Part A, Part VII, Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:1321, *et seq.*) ("**The Local Services Law**"), provides that political subdivisions may engage jointly in the construction, acquisition or improvement of any public project or improvement, the promotion and maintenance of any undertaking or the exercise of any power, provided at least one of the participants is authorized under a provision of general or special law to perform such activity or exercise such power as may be necessary for completion of the undertaking; and

WHEREAS, under The Local Services Law such arrangements may provide for the joint use of funds, facilities, personnel or property or any combination thereof necessary to accomplish the purposes of the agreement, and such agreements may include but are not limited to activities concerning the financing, construction or acquisition or improvement, and operation, repair and maintenance of public projects or improvements (the "**Projects**"); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9020, *et seq.*) (the "**Cooperative Economic Development Law**"), provides that local governmental subdivisions (including municipalities) may cooperate or engage in cooperative endeavors providing for cooperative financing of economic development projects with other local governmental subdivisions or with any other private or public entity or person, for the purpose of aiding in cooperative development, all as defined in the Cooperative Economic Development Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town and the District entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement dated as of October 1, 2020 (the "**Original Agreement**") with respect to the collection and use of sales tax increments of the District, including the EDD Tax, and now desire to amend and restate the Original Agreement pursuant to this Agreement to provide for a reduction of sales and use taxes levied by the District and continued cooperative economic development in the Town and the District; and

WHEREAS, both the Town and the District have and expect that they will continue to receive benefits from this Agreement and from the continued acquisition, construction and development of the Projects in the form of increased tourism, employment, increased sales tax and property tax revenues, and the enhancement of sports and recreational alternatives in the Town to benefit the business of the District and the residents of the City, as further set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town, and the District each agree to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement in accordance with the conditions, covenants and procedures set forth herein and in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part hereof as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.01. Definitions. The following terms shall, for purposes of this Agreement, have the following meanings:

"**EDD Act**" shall mean Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, et seq.).

"**EDD Tax**" shall mean the District's sales and use tax originally levied in the District at the rate of 2.0% pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-04(TAX) of 2020 adopted May 26, 2020, which became effective as of October 1, 2020, and as amended pursuant to an Amended and Restated Ordinance No. 2020-04 (TAX) of 2026, adopted March 24, 2026, which reduced the rate of the EDD Tax to 1.0% effective as of April 1, 2026.

"**EDD Project Trust Fund**" means the Trust Fund established for the District pursuant to the EDD Act, into which are deposited the net proceeds of the EDD Tax.

"**District**" shall mean Economic Development District No. 1 of the Town of Sterlington, State of Louisiana, the boundaries of which are set forth in the EDD Ordinance, and any expanded geographical area as the governing authority of the Town shall designate by ordinance following the Effective Date of the District in accordance with the EDD Act. Notwithstanding the terms of Section 4.10 hereof, no amendment to this Agreement shall be required in the event the Town expands the District's boundaries to encompass adjacent areas.

"**Effective Date**" shall mean the date of this Agreement as specified herein.

"**Fiscal Year**" shall mean the Town's one-year accounting period as determined by the governing authority of the Town, currently the year ending September 30 of each year.

"**Series 2021 Bonds**" means the outstanding $2,000,000 (original principal amount) Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021of the District secured by and payable from a pledge of the EDD Tax.

"**State**" shall mean the State of Louisiana.

"**Term**" shall mean the term of this Agreement as set forth in Section 2.02 hereof.

"**Town**" shall mean the Town of Sterlington, State of Louisiana.

SECTION 1.02. Use of Defined Terms. Terms defined in this Agreement shall have their defined meanings when used herein and in any document, certificate, report or agreement furnished from time to time in connection with this Agreement unless the context otherwise requires.

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS OF THE TOWN AND THE DISTRICT

SECTION 2.01. Town and District Authority. The Town and the District have all requisite power pursuant to Section 6.1(c) of the Bond Ordinance, the EDD Act, Article VI, Section 20 and Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Local Services Law and the Cooperative Economic Development Law to enter into this Agreement and perform their obligations hereunder, and there are no contracts or obligations in conflict herewith.

SECTION 2.02. Term of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be effective upon execution by all the parties hereto and shall terminate on the date of termination of the levy of the EDD Tax or the date that there cease to be amounts held in the EDD Project Trust Fund, whichever is later.

ARTICLE III

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR OBLIGATIONS

SECTION 3.01. Obligations of the District and the Town

(a) The Town will handle all aspects of construction, operation and maintenance of the Projects which include projects previously constructed by the Town, including, wastewater and other public utility service lines and equipment, and the Sterlington Sports Complex which is owned, operated and maintained by the Town (collectively, the "**Projects**"); and

(b) The District covenants and agrees to provide funding for the Projects from amounts in the EDD Project Trust Fund and to deliver and dedicate to the Town any public infrastructure improvements that are financed with the proceeds thereof. Funds requested by the Town for the Projects, shall be disbursed pursuant to requisitions from the EDD Project Trust Fund.

SECTION 3.02. Repayment of the Series 2021 Bonds and Reduction of the EDD Tax.

(a) The District previously issued the Series 2021 Bonds to fund economic development Projects, which Series 2021 Bonds were payable and secured by a pledge of the full amount (2%) of the EDD Tax.

(b) In order to promote a favorable sales tax environment in the District and the Town for the benefit of existing businesses in the District and to encourage additional business activity and attract economic development prospects, the District hereby agrees to reduce the EDD Tax to 1.00%, provided that the Town assist the District in the repayment in full of the Series 2021 Bonds.

(c) The Town hereby agrees to provide up to an amount of $300,000 (free of interest or other charges), which together with funds on account in the EDD Project Trust Fund will be sufficient to effect a repayment in full of the Series 2021 Bonds and release of the pledge of the EDD Tax securing the Series 2021 Bonds.

(d) Upon repayment of the Series 2021 Bonds, the District will provide for an amended resolution and/or ordinance levying the EDD Tax to reduce the EDD Tax rate to 1%, effective as of April 1, 2026 and will use the proceeds collected from the continued levy of the EDD Tax (1%) to repay the Town for amounts advanced for repayment of the Bonds.

(e) Upon repayment of the Series 2021 Bonds, the Town is authorized to withdraw and transfer amounts from the EDD Project Trust Fund, from time to time as there are amounts available in such fund, to repay the Town for amounts advanced for the repayment of the Series 2021 Bonds, until such advance is paid in full. Thereafter, the Town will cease such withdrawal/transfers, with such amounts thereafter accruing to the EDD Project Trust Fund to be used for Projects as determined in accordance with the other provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 3.03. Relating to Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution. In entering into this Agreement it is not the intent of the Town or the District to enter into a gratuitous transfer of public funds because such parties expect that the Projects are "Economic Development Projects" within the meaning of La. R.S. 33:9038.34, and that they will each receive something of value in return for the performance of their respective obligations hereunder, as follows:

(a) in the case of the Town , the promotion of economic development in the Town , the creation of jobs, enhancement of the property tax and sales tax base of the Town , the creation of recreation and tourism opportunities and generation of additional sales and property tax revenues for infrastructure and other necessary capital expenditures in and for the Town ;

(b) in the case of the District, the promotion of economic development in the District, the creation of jobs, the enhancement of the property tax and sales tax base of the District, the creation of tourism opportunities, and resultant increase in business traffic for hotels, restaurants and other business in the District, and generation of additional sales tax revenues for infrastructure and other necessary capital expenditures in and for the benefit of the District;

(c) The Town and the District further find and determine that (i) both the Town and the District have the legal authority to enter into this Agreement, and (ii) the Projects will be an Economic Development Project within the meaning of the EDD Act that creates a public benefit, specifically the development and elimination of blighted and vacant property, the creation of jobs, the enhancement of the property tax, and sales tax base of the Town and the District, the creation of additional recreational alternatives for residents of the Town , an increase in tourism and resultant increase in business traffic in the Town and the District, the generation of sales and property tax revenues for infrastructure and other necessary capital expenditures in and for the Town and the District, proportionate to their respective contributions.

SECTION 3.03. Limited Source of Payment for Obligations. The obligations of the Town under this Agreement are limited to the amounts deposited in the EDD Project Trust Fund from the proceeds of the EDD Tax.

SECTION 3.06. Successors and Assigns. The District and the Town acknowledge that the District and/or the Town may assign any or all of their respective rights under this Agreement (including the rights to the proceeds of the EDD Tax) to pay debt service on bonds or other obligations used to finance and/or refinance the Projects.

ARTICLE IV

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 4.01. Liberal Construction. This Agreement shall be construed liberally to secure the beneficial intents and purposes hereof.

SECTION 4.02. Notices. All reports, statements or notices required or advisable to be given hereunder shall be deemed to be given if sent to the parties hereto at the addresses shown in the appearances to this Agreement.

Any notice required or permitted to be given under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be either hand-delivered or mailed, postage prepaid by first-class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, or by private, commercial carrier, express mail, such as Federal Express, or sent by email, fax or other similar form of rapid transmission confirmed by written confirmation mailed (postage prepaid by first-class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested or private, commercial carrier, express mail, such as Federal Express) at substantially the same time as such rapid transmission, or personally delivered to an officer of the receiving party. All such communications shall be mailed, sent or delivered to the address or numbers set forth above, or as to each party at such other addresses or numbers as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the other party.

SECTION 4.03. Further Assurances. From time to time hereafter, the Town and the District shall execute and deliver such additional instruments, certificates or documents, and take all such actions as each party hereto may reasonably request for the purpose of fulfilling their obligations hereunder. Without limiting the foregoing, within fifteen (15) days following the request from any party hereto, each other party shall deliver to the requesting party, an estoppel certificate stating, to the best of such parties' knowledge or belief: (i) whether or not this Agreement is in full force and effect and the extent to which this Agreement has been supplemented, modified or amended; (ii) whether or not there are any defaults or breaches under this Agreement or conditions that, with the passage of time, the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a default or breach under this Agreement (and, if applicable, the nature of such defaults, breaches or conditions); (iii) whether the conditions and agreements under this Agreement have been satisfied or performed as of the date of such estoppel certificate (and, if applicable, the nature of any failures); and (iv) the amounts of paid and unpaid reimbursements for the term of the Agreement or for particular years thereof. Any such statement or certificate may be conclusively relied upon by the party requesting the estoppel certificate.

SECTION 4.04. Venue. Any suit brought by any party hereto arising out of or by reason of this Agreement, or otherwise, shall be brought in the 4th Judicial District Court, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

SECTION 4.05. Severability. To the fullest extent possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provisions of this Agreement shall be prohibited or invalid under such law, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 4.06. No Personal Liability. No covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to be the covenant or agreement of any official, trustee, officer, agent or employee of the Town or the District, in his or her individual capacity, and neither the officers thereof nor any official executing this Agreement shall be liable personally with respect hereto or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

SECTION 4.07. Captions. The captions or headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or extent of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 4.08. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each which shall be an original and all of which when taken together shall be deemed one and the same Agreement.

SECTION 4.09. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be constructed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 4.10. Amendment and/or Modification. Neither this Agreement nor any term, provision or exhibit hereof may be changed, waived, discharged, amended or modified orally, or in any manner other than by an instrument in writing signed by all of the parties hereto.

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THIS COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT IS THEREFORE DONE AND PASSED in multiple counterparts as of the date aforesaid, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names with the Town , the District and the Company.

TOWN OF STERLINGTON,
STATE OF LOUISIANA

By: _____
Matt Talbert, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Natalie Penrose
Natalie Penrose, Clerk

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWN OF STERLINGTON,
STATE OF LOUISIANA

By: _____
Matt Talbert, Mayor of the Town of Sterlington
and *ex officio* Chief Executive Officer of the District

ATTEST:

By: Natalie Penrose
Natalie Penrose, Clerk

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Town of Sterlington

503 Highway 2 Sterlington, LA 71280 Phone # 665-2157 Fax # 665-2841
Mayor, Matt Talbert

REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF STERLINGTON, LOUISIANA

Date: March 19, 2026

Name: Johnston and Johnston , LLC

Address: PO Box 2215

City, State & Zip Code: Monroe, LA. 71207

Property address to be annexed: See attached

Dear Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

I, Nina J. Pate am requesting the property above to be annexed into the corporate limits of the Town of Sterlington. I have enclosed a copy of my legal land description and plat for your convenience. Should you have any questions, please call me at 318-366-0222 (phone number).

Thank you,

Signature

Spouse of Partner Signature

Sworn and subscribed before me, the person whose signature appears above signed on March 19, 2026.

053074
Notary Name and Number

ANTHONY BRUMLEY NOTARY PUBLIC #053074 MY COMMISSION IS FOR LIFE QUACHITA PARISH, LA

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

TOWN OF STERLINGTON

ORDINANCE NO._____ **MOTION BY :_____**

SECONDED BY:_____

JOHNSTON AND JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP "GROW NELA" 70.18 ACRES SURVEYED OUT INSTRUMENTS 978647 & 1634088

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF STERLINGTON, LOUISIANA PURSUANT TO L.R.S. 33:171 ET SEQ., AND PARTICULARLY R.S. 33:180, BY ANNEXING TERRITORY LOCATED IN THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, LOUISIANA, SAID PROPERTY BEING ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF STERLINGTON, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO;

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 33, Section 171 et seq., as amended, provides for the procedure for annexation of territory into the corporate limits of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, there has been compliance with the procedure required by L.R.S. 33:171 et seq., as amended, including but not limited to the following:

(a) A petition (see Exhibit "1") has been presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sterlington by each nonresident property owner of the areas to be included in the corporate limits, requesting that property owned by petitioners and contiguous to existing boundaries of the Town of Sterlington, and being more particularly shown by vicinity map attached hereto as Exhibit "2", more particularly described in Exhibit "3", be annexed into the corporate limits of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana, making 70.18 acres surveyed out of instruments 978647 and 1634088 of the Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court records;

(b) A certificate of the Ouachita Parish Assessor is attached hereto as Exhibit "4" certifying that according to assessment for property taxes for 2026 the property described in Exhibit "3" is owned by the non-resident property owners who have petitioned for annexation, and the total property tax assessment for parish taxes for 2026 is in the amount of $_____and that full amount represents the value of property owned by the persons signing the petition for annexation;

(c) As reflected by Exhibit "5", according to the records of the Registrar of Voters, there are no registered voters residing within the territory described in Exhibit "3"; and

(d) Proof of publication of the filing of the petition, as required by L.R.S. 33:172B, and of notice of a public hearing concerning the annexation is attached hereto as Exhibit "6";

(e) Pursuant to the notice as evidenced by Exhibit "6" the Sterlington Board of Aldermen held a public hearing on the ___th day of _____, 2026, regarding said petition for annexation.

WHEREAS, following said hearing by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and after careful consideration of all recommendations, comments and objections made at said hearing the Mayor and Sterlington Board of Aldermen declare that it is in the best interest of the Town of Sterlington to annex into the corporate limits of the Town of Sterlington the property described in Exhibit "3".

NOW THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that the non-resident property owned by JOHNSTON AND JOHNSTON PARTNERHSIP contiguous to the existing boundaries of the corporate limits and located in the vicinity as shown by the map attached hereto and Exhibit "2" and more particularly described in Exhibit "3" be annexed into the corporate limits of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that the Mayor of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana, or his designee, be and they shall hereby be authorized to take all further actions and execute all further documents, resolutions and/or certifications as are required under L.R.S. 33:171, et seq. or other applicable law, as are necessary, proper or desirable, particularly including but not limited to the filing of the entire boundary of the municipality as changed in order that the annexation of property set forth above be effected at the earliest possible date.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed, but that this repeal shall be only insofar as such Ordinances conflict and/or are inconsistent with this Ordinance; and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances not inconsistent herewith shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that the articles, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are deemed to be severable, and if any article, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional and/or invalid, such unconstitutionality and/or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining articles, sentences, paragraphs, clauses, or phrases which can be given effect without the unconstitutional and/or invalid provision(s).

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted this ___th day of _____, 2026, with the final vote being as follows:

YEA:_____

NAY:_____

NOT VOTING:_____

ABSENT:_____

APPROVED THIS ___th DAY OF _____, 2026.

CITY CLERK
TOWN OF STERLINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

MAYOR
TOWN OF STERLINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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SECOND SUPPLEMENT AND AMENDMENT TO

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04 (TAX)

SECOND SUPPLEMENT AND AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04 (TAX) TO REDUCE THE RATE OF THE EXISTING ADDITIONAL SALES TAX IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWN OF STERLINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*) (the "**Act**") authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the Act and other law; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 2020-02 (TAX) adopted on April 14, 2020, as supplemented and amended by a First Supplement and Amendment to Ordinance No. 2021-01 (TAX) adopted on February 23, 2021 (collectively, the "**Original Levy Ordinance**") this Mayor and Board of Aldermen (the "**Governing Authority**"), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Sterlington, State of Louisiana (the "**Town**") created Economic Development District No. 1 of the Town of Sterlington, State of Louisiana (the "**District**"), in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.32; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:9038.39 permits the District to levy a sales and use tax of up to two percent (2%) (the "**District Tax**") for the financing of economic development projects as provided in the Act, which include projects such as the Sterlington Sports Complex (the "**Sports Complex**"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.39, this Governing Authority, in its capacity as governing authority of the District, adopted the Original Levy Ordinance which levied the District Tax in the District at a rate of two percent (2.00%) to finance the costs of any economic development project located within the Town, which includes improvements to the Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that certain Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Town and the District dated as of October 1, 2020 (the "**Original CEA**"), the District agreed to assist the Town with the financing of certain projects, and specifically the Sports Complex, which includes a pledge and dedication of the District Tax as security for such financing obligations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Original CEA, the Town and the District agreed to utilize the District Tax to restructure the financing of improvements to the Sports Complex through the issuance of its $2,000,000 (original principal amount Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (the "**Series 2021 Bonds**") which Series 2021 Bonds were secured by a pledge and dedication of the District Tax; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Town have amended and restated the Original CEA pursuant to an Amended and Restated Cooperative Endeavor Agreement dated as of March 24, 2026 and pursuant to which the District has agreed to reduce the levy of the District Tax under the Original Levy Ordinance to a rate of one percent (1.00%), provided that the Town utilize its own funds to assist with the repayment in full of the outstanding Series 2021 Bonds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Governing Authority of the Town, acting as the governing authority of the District, that:

§1. Adoption of Findings. All of the above "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

§2. Extension of Levy of Sales tax. (a) The first paragraph of §2 of the Original levy Ordinance is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to provide for the reduction of the rate and repayment of the Series 2021 Bonds as follows:

In accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.39 and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, the rate of the additional sales and use tax levied in the District

(originally effective October 1, 2020) is hereby amended and reduced effective as of April 1, 2026 to the rate of one percent (1.00%), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property, upon the lease or rental of tangible personal property and on the sales of services in the District, as defined by law (the "**District Tax**"). The District Tax shall continue at the rate of 1.00% from July 1, 2026 for the period stated in the Original Levy Ordinance (as amended) for a period of fifteen (15) years (December 31, 2035) unless extended by supplemental ordinance or resolution of the District.

(b) All references to the District Tax rate of two percent (2.00%) in the Original Levy Ordinance shall, as of April 1, 2026, be amended to reflect the rate of one percent (1.00%).

§3. Supplement and Amendment. The Original Levy Ordinance (as amended) is amended only as herein specifically provided above, and except as specifically herein provided, the Original Levy Ordinance shall remain otherwise unchanged and in full force and effect in accordance with its terms.

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This Second Supplement and Amendment to Ordinance No. 2020-04 (Tax) was introduced on February 24, 2026, Notice of Public Hearing was published on March 5, 2026, and said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion to adopt, as amended, by Alderman Zack Howse, seconded by Alderman Chares Hodnett, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEA: Erica Hughes, Billy Clarkson, Zack Howse, Charles Hodnett

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ashton Courson

ABSTAINING: None

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 24th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Matt Talbert, Mayor

Natalie Penrose, Clerk

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Sterlington, State of Louisiana (the "**Town**"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of:

FIRST SUPPLEMENT AND AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04 (TAX) TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE ADDITIONAL SALES TAX OF TWO PERCENT (2.00%) IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWN OF STERLINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this the 24th day of March, 2026.

Natalie Penrose, Clerk

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TOWN OF STERLINGTON
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
STERLINGTON, LOUISIANA

6:30 P.M. **TOWN HALL**
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026 **COUNCIL MEETING CHAMBER**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Mayor Matt Talbert called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Ashton Courson, Erica Hughes and Zack Howse. Absent from the meeting was Billy Clarkson and Charles Hodentt. A quorum was present and acting.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Erica Hughes gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE
Zack Parker w/Ouachita Citizen, Chris Greenwood w/CSRS, Cody Kinnaird and Jordan Touchet.

Town Personnel in attendance were Town Clerk, Natalie Penrose and Chief of Police Cobi Brown.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
The Mayor read the Public Comments Law out loud to the audience, and read each item listed on the agenda for discussion. There were no questions or comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Tuesday, March 10, 2026
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Erica Hughes) approve the meeting minutes for March 10, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

SPD NEW HIRES/CODY KINNAIRD & JORDAN TOUCHET
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Erica Hughes) approves the hiring of Officer Cody Kinnaird and Jordan Touchet.

CSRS-COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROPOSAL
M/S/C (Erica Hughes, Ashton Courson) table until March 24th meeting.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS
BUFFALO BLUES FOOD TRUCK
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Ashton Courson) approves the Occupational License Application for Buffalo Blues Food Truck.

OUTBACK HVAC, LLC
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Erica Hughes) approves the Occupational License Application for Outback HVAC, LLC.

THE HAPPY HEN
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Erica Hughes) approves the Occupational License Application for The Happy Hen with the understanding that next year they would need to attain a Peddler's License.

SUNSHINE EQUIPMENT SERVICES, INC.
M/S/C (Erica Hughes, Zack Howse) approves the Occupational License Application for Sunshine Equipment Services, Inc.

SUNSET CONSTRUCTION OF MONROE, LLC
M/S/C (Erica Hughes, Zack Howse) approves the Occupational License Application for Sunset Construction of Monroe, LLC.

C&S SALES LLC
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Erica Hughes) approves the Occupational License Application for C&S Sales, LLC.

CEA-GROW NELA
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Erica Hughes) approves the CEA with Grow NELA.

HIGHWAY 2 FORCE MAIN
M/S/C (Zack Howse, Erica Hughes) approves the installation of force main in existing Row from Hwy 2 Lift Station to the Sewer Plant up to $100,000.

ADJOURN

Natalie Penrose, Town Clerk

Matt Talbert, Mayor

4.2

TOWN OF STERLINGTON

RESOLUTION 26-03-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC RECORDS FEE SCHEDULE AND POLICY

WHEREAS, the Town of Sterlington seeks establish the fee schedule for public records requests as required by State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Custodian of Records must be named on the website and displayed at the entrance of Town Hall along with the fee schedule; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sterlington, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to establish a fee schedule for response to public records requests.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is further authorized to appoint a custodian of records for purposes of public records requests.

SECTION 3. The appointed custodian of records and fee schedule shall be displayed on the website and at the entrance of Town Hall for the public.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a Meeting of the Board of Alderpersons for the Town of Sterlington on this 24th day of March, 2026 which was lawfully convened, discussed, published, and by a lawful vote of the that governing authority.

CLERK CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Sterlington, hereby ATTEST and CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Board of Alderpersons in a lawfully convened meeting and after due consideration a lawful favorable vote was given by the Town Alderpersons.

Natalie Penrose, Clerk for Town of Sterlington

4.2

RESOLUTION NO. 26-03-24A

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE TOWN OF STERLINGTON AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO.1 OF THE TOWN OF STERLINGTON RELATING TO REPAYMENT OF BONDS, REDUCTION OF THE EXISTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SALES TAX AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*) (the "**Act**") authorizes municipalities, parishes and certain other local governmental subdivisions to create economic development districts to carry out the purposes of the Act, which economic development districts are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana and possess such power and authority and have such duties as provided by the Act and other law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Town of Sterlington, State of Louisiana (the "**Town**"), acting through this Mayor and Board of Aldermen as its governing authority, adopted an ordinance on April 14, 2020, creating the "Economic Development District No. 1 of the Town of Sterlington, State of Louisiana " (the "**District**"), in accordance with La. R.S. 33:9038.32, from which District local sales tax increments are expected to be determined and used to fund the Economic Development District No. 1 Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9038.39, initially levied a sales tax at the rate of two percent (2.00%) for authorized purposes (the "**EDD Tax**"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9020, *et seq.*), and other constitutional and statutory authority, the District and the Town entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement dated as of October 1, 2020 (the "**CEA**") to provide for the levy and collection of the EDD Tax and pursuant to which the District pledged revenues of the EDD Tax to support the Town's Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 the "**Bonds**"), issued in the original principal amount of $1,936,600, to support economic development projects within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Town now desire to amend and restate the CEA to provide for the redemption in full of the Bonds and a reduction of the EDD Tax to a rate of one percent (1.00%).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town, acting as the governing authority of the Town, that the Mayor of the Town is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute, for and on behalf of the Town, an Amended and Restated Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and among the Town, and the District (the "**Amended and Restated CEA**"), to be substantially in the form and to contain substantially the terms and provisions consistent with the intents and purposes of this Resolution as may be approved by said officer upon the advice of counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town, acting as the governing authority of the District, that the Mayor of the Town is hereby further authorized, empowered, and directed to execute, for and on behalf of the District, the Amended and Restated CEA to be substantially in the form and to contain substantially the terms and provisions consistent with the intents and purposes of this Resolution as may be approved by said officer upon the advice of counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to engage Boles Shafto, LLC as special counsel to perform the necessary legal work and prepare such documentation to effect the purposes of this Resolution, including without limitation, preparation of the Amended and Restated CEA, reduction of the EDD Tax and redemption of the Bonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution and the authorizations herein shall become effective immediately, and all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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This Resolution having been read and considered on motion to adopt by Zack Howse, and seconded by Charles Hodnett, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEAS: Erica Hughes, Billy Clarkson, Charles Hodnett, Zack Howse

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ashton Courson

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Resolution duly adopted on this 24th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Natalie Penrose
Natalie Penrose, Clerk

Matt Talbert, Mayor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF OUACHITA

I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Sterlington, State of Louisiana (the "**Town**"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitute a true and correct copy of:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE TOWN OF STERLINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO.1 OF THE TOWN OF STERLINGTON, STATE OF LOUISIANA RELATING TO THE COLLECTION, USE AND EXPENDITURE OF A ONE PERCENT (1.0%) SALES TAX PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED IN SAID DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this, the 24th day of March, 2026.

Natalie Penrose
Natalie Penrose, Clerk

4.2

RESOLUTION 26-03

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND THE SPORTS COMPLEX LEASE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, at a meeting held on Tuesday, March , 24th, 2026, the Board of Aldermen hereby authorize the Mayor of the Town of Sterlington to take any and all necessary action to extend the previously executed lease for an additional year under the same terms previously established therein between the Town of Sterlington and 2 Seams LLC. The lease will auto renew March 31st of each subsequent year. Any party not wishing to extend the lease must submit a letter of non-renewal at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of March 31st.

This done the 24th day of March, 2026.

Natalie Penrose
Natalie Penrose, Town Clerk

I, Natalie Penrose, Town Clerk for the Town of Sterlington certifies the foregoing Resolution is a true exact copy of the resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen on March 24, 2026.

Natalie Penrose
Natalie Penrose, Town Clerk
Town of Sterlington

4.2

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE PLACING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMITS FOR ADDITIONAL SOLAR FARMS IN THE AREA OF TOWN OF STERLINGTON; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, in adopting the Solar Farm Ordinance regulating the industry Town of Sterlington recognized that solar farms present a unique need for Site Development regulations given the acreage involved in such developments, the characteristics of the structures constructed and placed on these properties, the potential impact on neighboring properties, the potential impact on vehicle traffic, and other factors;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the regulations put in place by the previous Solar Farm Ordinance the Town of Sterlington has had solar farm development that will each occupy hundreds of acres in the Town of Sterlingotn for decades to come;

WHEREAS, while the developers of Solar Farms have been conscientious and attentive to applicable regulations, concerns presented by further proliferation of Solar Farms in the Town of Sterlington, further development requires the Town of Sterlington to consider whether further regulations would be beneficial to the citizens and residents of Sterlington; and,

WHEREAS, the benefits of any such further regulations would be nullified if Permits were issued for additional Solar Farms while such regulations are being properly developed and implemented;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED that the TOWN OF STERLINGTON hereby places a moratorium on the approval of Permitting, Developing, or other required permitting, of "solar farms" in the Town of Sterlington for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of adoption of this Ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the moratorium effected by this Ordinance shall not apply to the continued permitting and construction of Solar Farms pursuant to, and in furtherance of, applications for permits that have been received by the Tow of Sterlington prior to the date of introduction of this Ordinance.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted this ____th day of _____, 2026, with the final vote being as follows:

YEA:_____
NAY:_____
NOT VOTING:_____
ABSENT:_____

APPROVED THIS ____ th DAY OF _____, 2026

TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF STERLINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

MAYOR
TOWN OF STERLINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

4.2

PUBLIC NOTICE — Ouachita Parish

NOTICE

Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at the Party Primary/Municipal Primary Election May 16, 2026

Pursuant to Act 1 of the 2025 First Extraordinary Session, the election previously scheduled for April 18, 2026 has been rescheduled for May 16, 2026.

CODING: Words which are ~~struck through~~ are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and/or underscored** are additions.

Proposed Amendment No. 1
Regular Session, 2025

ACT No. 223

SENATE BILL NO. 8
BY SENATOR MORRIS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 2(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state civil service; to authorize additional positions in the unclassified state civil service by law; to prohibit the removal of such positions except by law; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article X, Section 2(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§2. Classified and Unclassified Service

Section 2.(A)

* * *

(B) Unclassified Service. The unclassified service shall include the following officers and employees in the state and city civil service:

(1) elected officials and persons appointed to fill vacancies in elective offices;

(2) the heads of each principal executive department appointed by the governor, the mayor, or the governing authority of a city;

(3) city attorneys;

(4) registrars of voters;

(5) members of state and city boards, authorities, and commissions;

(6) one private secretary to the president of each college or university;

(7) one person holding a confidential position and one principal assistant or deputy to any officer, board, commission, or authority mentioned in (1), (2), (4), or (5) above, except civil service departments;

(8) members of the military or naval forces;

(9) teaching and professional staffs, and administrative officers of schools, colleges, and universities of the state, and bona fide students of those institutions employed by any state, parochial, or municipal agency;

(10) employees, deputies, and officers of the legislature and of the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, each mayor and city attorney, of police juries, school boards, assessors, and of all offices provided for in Article V of this constitution except the offices of clerk of the municipal and traffic courts in New Orleans;

(11) commissioners of elections, watchers, and custodians and deputy custodians of voting machines;

(12) railroad employees whose working conditions and retirement benefits are regulated by federal agencies in accordance with federal law; and

(13) the director, deputy director, and all employees of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Additional positions may be added to the unclassified service and those positions may be revoked by rules adopted by a commission. **Additional officers, positions, and employees may be added to the unclassified service in the state civil service by law and such additional officers, positions, and employees may be removed from the unclassified service only by law.**

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026, if House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana becomes effective. If House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana does not become effective, this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

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

"Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to remove or add officers, positions, and employees to the unclassified state civil service?" (Amends Article X, Section 2(B))

Proposed Amendment No. 2
Regular Session, 2025

ACT No. 218

SENATE BILL NO. 25

BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to certain effects and purposes for the proposed St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish which shall be regarded and treated as a parish and shall have the authority granted parishes with respect to operating a school system, including the purposes of certain funding and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to specify an election date for submission of the proposition to electors and to provide for a ballot proposition.

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, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§13. Funding; Apportionment

Section 13. * * *

(D)(1) Municipal and Other School Systems. For the effects and purposes of this Section, the Central community school system**, the St. George community school system,** and the Zachary community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish, and the municipalities of Baker in East Baton Rouge Parish, Monroe in Ouachita Parish, and Bogalusa in Washington Parish, and no others, shall be regarded and treated as parishes and shall have the authority granted parishes. Consistent with Article VIII of this constitution, relevant to equal educational opportunities, no state dollars shall be used to discriminate or to have the effect of discriminating in providing equal educational opportunity for all students.

* * *

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026, if House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana becomes effective. If House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana does not become effective, this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

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

Do you support an amendment to grant the St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish the same authority granted parishes for purposes of Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana, including purposes related to the minimum foundation program, funding for certain school books and instructional materials, and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools? (Amends Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1))

Proposed Amendment No. 3
Regular Session, 2025

ACT No. 222

HOUSE BILL NO. 473

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON AND SENATOR EDMONDS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10.8(A)(1), (2), and (4), (B), and (C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to enact Article VII, Section 10.17, and to repeal Article VII, Sections 10(F)(4)(d), 10.1, 10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), and 10.16(A)(9), relative to monies in the state treasury; to repeal the Education Excellence Fund within the Millennium Trust, the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund, and the Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund; to apply monies held in those funds to liabilities of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and to require local public school systems to pay a teacher pay raise with savings realized from payment of those retirement system liabilities; to require additional state general fund expenditures for the Minimum Foundation Program relative to such pay raises; to direct the state treasurer to take certain actions with respect to monies in repealed funds; to provide for calculation and transfer of such monies to the Overcollections Fund for use by specified entities pursuant to outlined restrictions; to execute technical changes; 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 VII, Section 10.8(A)(1), (2), and (4), (B), and (C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to enact Article VII, Section 10.17 to read as follows:

§10.8. Millennium Trust

Section 10.8. Millennium Trust

(A) Creation. (1) There shall be established in the state treasury as a special permanent trust the "Millennium Trust". After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of this constitution, the treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the Millennium Trust certain monies received as a result of the Master Settlement Agreement, hereinafter the "Settlement Agreement", executed November 23, 1998, and approved by Consent Decree and Final Judgment entered in the case "Richard P. Ieyoub, Attorney General, ex rel. State of Louisiana v. Philip Morris, Incorporated, et al.", bearing Number 98-6473 on the docket of the Fourteenth Judicial District for the parish of Calcasieu, state of Louisiana; and all dividend and interest income and all realized capital gains on investment of the monies in the Millennium Trust. The treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the Millennium Trust ~~the following amounts of monies received as a result of the Settlement Agreement:~~

~~(a) Fiscal Year 2000-2001, forty-five percent of the total monies received that year.~~

~~(b) Fiscal Year 2001-2002, sixty percent of the total monies received that year.~~

~~(c) Fiscal Year 2002-2003 and each fiscal year thereafter,~~ seventy-five percent of the total monies received ~~that year.~~ each fiscal year as a result of the Settlement Agreement. ~~However, beginning in Fiscal Year 2011-2012 after the balance in the Millennium Trust reaches a total of one billion three hundred eighty million dollars, the~~ The monies deposited in and credited to the Millennium Trust, received as a result of the Settlement Agreement, shall be allocated to the ~~various funds within the Millennium Trust as provided in Subsubparagraphs (2)(b), (3)(b), and (4)(b) and (c) of this Paragraph.~~ TOPS Fund.

~~(d) For Fiscal Year 2000-2001, Fiscal Year 2001-2002, and Fiscal Year 2002-2003, ten percent of the total monies received in each of those years for credit to the Education Excellence Fund which, notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (C)(1) of this Section, shall be appropriated for the purposes provided in Subsubparagraph (d) of Subparagraph (3) of Paragraph (C) of this Section.~~

(2)(a) The Health Excellence Fund shall be established as a special fund within the Millennium Trust. ~~The treasurer shall credit to the Health Excellence Fund one-third of the Settlement Agreement proceeds deposited each year into the Millennium Trust, and one-third of all investment earnings on the investment of the Millennium Trust. The treasurer shall report annually to the legislature as to the amount of Millennium Trust investment earnings credited to the Health Excellence Fund.~~

~~(b) Beginning Fiscal Year 2011-2012, and each fiscal year thereafter, the~~ The treasurer shall credit to the Health Excellence Fund ~~one-third~~ one-half of all investment earnings on the investment of the Millennium Trust. The treasurer shall report annually to the legislature as to the amount of Millennium Trust investment earnings credited to the Health Excellence Fund.

~~(c)~~ (b) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2012, after~~ After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of this constitution, the state treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the Health Excellence Fund an amount equal to the revenues derived from the tax levied pursuant to R.S. 47:841(B)(3).

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(4)~~(a)~~ The TOPS Fund shall be established as a special fund within the Millennium Trust. ~~The treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the TOPS Fund one- third of the Settlement Agreement proceeds deposited into the Millennium Trust, and one-third of all investment earnings on the investment of the Millennium Trust. The treasurer shall report annually to the legislature as to the amount of Millennium Trust investment earnings credited to the TOPS Fund.~~

~~(b) Beginning Fiscal Year 2011-2012, and each fiscal year thereafter, the~~ The treasurer shall credit to the TOPS Fund one hundred percent of the Settlement Agreement proceeds deposited into the Millennium Trust, and ~~one-third~~ one-half of all investment earnings on the investment of the Millennium Trust. The treasurer shall report annually to the legislature as to the amount of Millennium Trust Settlement Agreement proceeds and investment earnings credited to the TOPS Fund.

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~~(c) Upon the effective date of this Subsubparagraph, the state treasurer shall deposit, transfer, or otherwise credit funds in an amount equal to such Settlement Agreement proceeds deposited in and credited to the Millennium Trust received by the state between April 1, 2011 and the effective date of this Subsubparagraph to the TOPS Fund.~~

* * *

(B) Investment. Monies credited to the Millennium Trust pursuant to Paragraph (A) of this Section shall be invested by the treasurer ~~with the same authority and subject to the same restrictions as the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund.~~ as provided by law. However, the portion of monies in the Millennium Trust which may be invested in stock may be increased to no more than fifty percent by a specific legislative instrument which receives a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature. The legislature shall provide for procedures for the investment of such monies by law. The treasurer may contract, subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, for the management of such investments and, if a contract is entered into, amounts necessary to pay the costs of the contract shall be appropriated from the Millennium Trust.

(C) Appropriations. (1)(a) ~~Appropriations from the Education Excellence Fund shall be limited to an annual amount not to exceed the estimated aggregate annual earnings from interest, dividends, and realized capital gains on investment of the trust allocated as provided by Paragraph (A) of this Section and as recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference. Amounts determined to be available for appropriation shall be those aggregate investment earnings which are in excess of an inflation factor as determined by the Revenue Estimating Conference. The amount of realized capital gains on investment which may be included in the aggregate earnings available for appropriation in any year shall not exceed the aggregate of earnings from interest and dividends for that year.~~

~~(b)(i) For Fiscal Year 2011-2012, appropriations from the Health Excellence Fund shall be limited to an annual amount not to exceed the estimated aggregate annual earnings from interest, dividends, and realized capital gains on investment of the trust and credited to the Health Excellence Fund as provided by Subsubparagraph (A)(2)(b) of this Section and as recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference.~~

~~(ii) For Fiscal Year 2012-2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, appropriations~~ Appropriations from the Health Excellence Fund shall be limited to an annual amount not to exceed the estimated aggregate annual earnings from interest, dividends, and realized capital gains on investment of the trust and credited to the Health Excellence Fund as provided by Subsubparagraph ~~(A)(2)(b)~~ (A)(2)(a) of this Section and as recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference and the amount of proceeds credited to and deposited into the Health Excellence Fund as provided by Subsubparagraph ~~(A)(2)(c)~~ (A)(2)(b) of this Section.

~~(c)(i) For Fiscal Year 2011-2012, appropriations from the TOPS Fund shall be limited to the amount of Settlement Agreement proceeds credited to and deposited into the TOPS Fund as provided by Subsubparagraphs (A)(4)(b) and (c) of this Section, and an annual amount not to exceed the estimated aggregate annual earnings from interest, dividends, and realized capital gains on investment of the trust and credited to the TOPS Fund as provided by Subsubparagraph (A)(4)(b) of this Section and as recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference.~~

~~(ii)~~ (b)(i) ~~For Fiscal Year 2012-2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, appropriations~~ Appropriations from the TOPS Fund shall be limited to the amount of annual Settlement Agreement proceeds credited to and deposited into the TOPS Fund as provided in ~~Subsubparagraph (A)(4)(b)~~ Subparagraph (A)(4) of this Section, and an annual amount not to exceed the estimated aggregate annual earnings from interest, dividends, and realized capital gains on investment of the trust and credited to the TOPS Fund as provided in ~~Subsubparagraph (A)(4)(b)~~ Subparagraph (A)(4) of this Section and as recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

~~(iii)~~ (ii) ~~Further, for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, and each fiscal year thereafter, amounts~~ Amounts determined to be available for appropriation from the TOPS Fund from interest earnings shall be those aggregate investment earnings which are in excess of an inflation factor as determined by the Revenue Estimating Conference. The amount of realized capital gains on investment which may be included in the aggregate earnings available for appropriation in any year shall not exceed the aggregate of earnings from interest and dividends for that year.

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§10.17. Payment of State Retirement Debt

Section 10.17.(A)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution to the contrary, no later than May 31, 2026, the state treasurer shall transfer to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana the liquidated fair market value of each of the following:

(a) The Education Excellence Fund.

(b) The Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund.

(c) The Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund.

(2) The Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana shall apply monies received pursuant to Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph to its oldest outstanding positive amortization base. After liquidation of such base, any remaining monies shall be applied to the next-oldest outstanding positive amortization base, until all such monies have been applied. If application of monies pursuant to the provisions of this Subparagraph are insufficient to fully liquidate an amortization base, after application of such monies the net remaining liability of such amortization base shall be reamortized with annual level-dollar payments calculated in the same manner as other system amortization payments and over the remainder of the amortization period originally established for that base.

(B)(1) Any net savings attributable to the payments made pursuant to Paragraph (A) of this Section shall be used by each public school system that participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to provide a permanent salary increase, plus any related benefits, of two thousand two hundred fifty dollars for certificated personnel and one thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars for noncertificated personnel, as provided by law.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution or law to the contrary, the minimum foundation program formula effective for the 2026-2027 school year shall include both of the following:

(i) A permanent salary increase and related benefits for public school system personnel whose employers do not participate in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana equivalent to the permanent salary increase and related benefits provided pursuant to the provisions of Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph.

(ii) A calculation of the total amount necessary to complete funding of the permanent salary increase and related benefits granted pursuant to Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph for each public school system that participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana that did not realize net savings for the 2026-2027 school year attributable to the payments made pursuant to Paragraph (A) of this Section sufficient to fund such permanent salary increase and related benefits.

(b)(i) Until the legislature approves a formula pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of this Constitution that includes the funding and permanent salary increase and related benefits required pursuant to Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph, they are deemed part of the formula most recently adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and approved by the legislature.

(ii) The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not be construed to infringe on the authority granted to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to Article VIII, Sections 3(A) and 13(B) of this Constitution and shall cease to apply when a new minimum foundation program formula that includes the funding and permanent salary increase required pursuant to Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph is adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or its successor and is approved by the legislature in conformity with the provisions of Article VIII, Section 13(B).

(c) Funding amounts required pursuant to the provisions of Item (a)(ii) of this Subparagraph shall be maintained for each public school system at the level established for that system for the 2026-2027 school year until a new minimum foundation program formula that includes the funding and permanent salary increase required pursuant to Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph is adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or its successor and is approved by the legislature in conformity with the provisions of Article VIII, Section 13(B).

(3) For the purposes of this Paragraph, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Personnel" shall mean persons employed in the positions for which an across-the-board pay raise was proposed in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 minimum foundation program formula for that fiscal year and for which a stipend was provided for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in Act No. 4 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature.

(b) "Public school system" shall mean any city, parish, or other local public school board; charter school; and any other elementary or secondary school governing authority.

Section 2. 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 repeal Article VII, Sections 10(F)(4)(d), 10.1, 10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), and 10.16(A)(9).

Section 3. Within two weeks of the effective date of this Act, the Department of Education shall coordinate with the Department of Treasury to certify amounts maintained in the Education Excellence Fund held to the credit of a political subdivision or school. The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the Overcollections Fund an amount equal to the total certified balance. Notwithstanding any provision of constitution or law to the contrary, monies held in the Overcollections Fund pursuant to the provisions of this Section may be withdrawn by the Department of Education without appropriation in order to remit to each entity its certified amount prior to the end of fiscal year 2026-2027. Use of monies received pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be restricted to expenditure for pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade instructional enhancement for students, including early childhood education programs focused on enhancing the preparation of at-risk children for school, remedial instruction, and assistance to children who fail to achieve the required scores on any tests passage of which are required pursuant to state law or rule for advancement to a succeeding grade or other educational programs approved by the legislature. Expenditures for maintenance or renovation of buildings, capital improvements, and increases in employee salaries are prohibited.

Section 4. Within two weeks of the effective date of this Act, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Regents shall each coordinate with the Department of Treasury to certify amounts maintained in the Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund held to the agency's credit within the fund. The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the Overcollections Fund an amount equal to the certified balances of each agency. Monies held in the Overcollections Fund for each agency shall be appropriated and used in accordance with the following:

(A) Higher Education. Monies attributable to the certified balance of the Board of Regents shall be appropriated to the Board of Regents and allocated for any or all of the following higher educational purposes to enhance economic development:

(1) The carefully defined research efforts of public and private universities in Louisiana.

(2) The endowment of chairs for eminent scholars.

(3) The enhancement of the quality of academic, research, or agricultural departments or units within a community college, college, or university. These funds shall not be used for athletic purposes or programs.

(4) The recruitment of superior graduate students.

(B) Elementary and Secondary Education. Monies attributable to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall be appropriated to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and allocated for any or all of the following purposes:

(1) To provide compensation to city or parish school board professional instructional employees.

(2) To insure an adequate supply of superior textbooks, library books, equipment, and other instructional materials.

(3) To fund exemplary programs in elementary and secondary schools designed to improve elementary or secondary student academic achievement or vocational-technical skill.

(4) To fund carefully defined research efforts, including pilot programs, designed to improve elementary and secondary student academic achievement.

(5) To fund school remediation programs and preschool programs.

(6) To fund the teaching of foreign languages in elementary and secondary schools.

(7) To fund an adequate supply of teachers by providing scholarships or stipends to prospective teachers in academic or vocational-technical areas where there is a critical teacher shortage.

Section 5.(A) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, any transfer to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall be net of amounts needed to satisfy the requirements of Sections 3 and 4 of this Act and amounts needed to satisfy 2025-2026 fiscal year appropriations from the following funds:

(1) Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund.

(2) Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund.

(3) Education Excellence Fund.

(B) Unexpended monies in each of the funds listed in Paragraph (A) of this Section shall be transferred to the state general fund on July 1, 2026. No appropriation from any such fund from the 2025-2026 fiscal year shall be carried forward to next fiscal year.

Section 6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, after the effective date of this Act, unless or until directed otherwise by law the treasurer shall deposit into the state general fund any monies that would have been deposited in or credited to the following funds:

(A) Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund.

(B) Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund.

(C) Education Excellence Fund.

Section 7. To the extent any additional funding is needed for the minimum foundation program formula for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 because of the provisions of this Act, the total amount of such funding shall be submitted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to the legislature for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 general appropriation bill no later than May 15, 2026.

Section 8. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026.

Section 9. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to fund a $2,250 teacher pay raise and $1,125 support staff pay raise by utilizing the remaining savings from paying down the debt of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana with monies from certain constitutional funds?

(Effective January 1, 2027) (Amends Article VII, Section 10.8(A)(1), (2), and (4), (B), and (C)(1); Adds Article VII, Section 10.17; Repeals Article VII, Sections 10(F)(4)(d), 10.1, 10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), and 10.16(A)(9))

Proposed Amendment No. 4
Regular Session, 2025

ACT No. 221

HOUSE BILL NO. 366
BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Sections 10.15(F)(1) and 18(A) and (B) and to add Article 3 VII, Sections 20.1, 20.2, and 21(P) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem taxes; to authorize certain payments to certain parishes; to provide for the classification of certain property; to authorize the exemption of certain property under certain circumstances; to provide for effectiveness; 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 VII, Sections 10.15(F)(1) and 18(A) and (B) and to add Article VII, Sections 20.1, 20.2, and 21(P) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§10.15. Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund

Section 10.15. Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund.

(A) The Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund is hereby established in the state treasury as a special trust fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund".

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(F)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this constitution and in Subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this Paragraph, no appropriations shall be made from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund.

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§18. Ad Valorem Taxes

Section 18.(A) Assessments. Property subject to ad valorem taxation shall be listed on the assessment rolls at its assessed valuation, which, except as provided in Paragraphs (C), (F), and (G) of this Section and Article VII, Section 21(P) of this Constitution, shall be a percentage of its fair market value. The percentage of fair market value shall be uniform throughout the state upon the same class of property.

(B) Classification. (1) The classifications of property subject to ad valorem taxation and the percentage of fair market value applicable to each classification for the purpose of determining assessed valuation are as follows:

Classifications	Percentages
~~1.~~(a) Land	10%
~~2.~~(b) Improvements for residential purposes	10%
~~3.~~(c) Electric cooperative properties, excluding land	15%
~~4.~~(d) Public service properties, excluding land	25%
(e) Public Service property, excluding land, owned by a railroad company	15%
(f) Business inventory	15%
~~5.~~(g) Other Property	15%

(2) The legislature may enact laws defining electric cooperative properties and public service properties.

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§20.1. Ad valorem tax; Business inventory tax exemption prohibition

Section 20.1. Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, the legislature shall not enact any law mandating any taxing authority to exempt business inventory from ad valorem tax. For purposes of this Section, "business inventory" means the aggregate of those items of tangible personal property that are held for sale in the ordinary course of business, are currently in the process of production for subsequent sale, or are to physically become a part of the production of such goods.

§20.2. Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Funding

Section 20.2. There shall be a one-time payment from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund to each parish that elects to irrevocably exempt, in accordance with law, all business inventory within its boundaries from ad valorem tax. Any payment made pursuant to this Section shall be disbursed by the treasurer to the tax collector of the parish. The tax collector shall distribute the monies pro rata to each taxing authority that levies an ad valorem tax within the parish. The amount of the payment shall be calculated as provided by law and certified by the Department of Revenue. Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, monies shall be disbursed by the treasurer to the collector within thirty days of receipt of a certification from the secretary of the Department of Revenue that the parish has irrevocably elected to exempt business inventory from ad valorem tax.

§21. Other Property Exemptions

Section 21. In addition to the homestead exemption provided for in Section 20 of this Article, the following property and no other shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation:

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(P)(1) There shall be an optional ad valorem tax exemption on items constituting business inventory, as defined in Article VII, Section 20.1 of this Constitution. The optional exemption shall only be effective in parishes in which the sheriff, school board, and the parish governing authority all elect to exempt business inventory from ad valorem taxation.

(2) A parish may elect to exempt all property constituting business inventory or may elect to provide for a partial exemption of property constituting business inventory by reducing the percentage of fair market value applicable to such property only if all of the following agree to the election: the sheriff, the school board, and the parish governing authority.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in this Joint Resolution shall be applicable to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026.

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

Do you support an amendment to allow a parish to reduce or exempt property tax on property held as business inventory and to provide for the classification of Public Service Property? (Amends Article VII, Sections 10.15(F)(1) and 18(A) and (B); Adds Article VII, Sections 20.1, 20.2, and 21(P))

Proposed Amendment No. 5
Regular Session, 2025

ACT No. 219

HOUSE BILL NO. 63
BY REPRESENTATIVES GREEN AND HUGHES
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article V, Section 23(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the mandatory retirement of judges; to provide that a judge shall not remain in office beyond his seventy-fifth birthday; 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 V, Section 23(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§23. Judges; Retirement

Section 23.

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(B) Mandatory Retirement. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, a judge shall not remain in office beyond his ~~seventieth birthday~~ seventy-fifth birthday. A judge who attains seventy-five years of age ~~A judge who attains seventy years of age~~ while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026.

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

Do you support an amendment to change the mandatory retirement age for judges from seventy to seventy-five, provided that a judge may continue to serve to complete a term of office? (Amends Article V, Section 23(B))

Pursuant to Act 1 of the 2025 First Extraordinary Session, the election previously scheduled for April 18, 2026 has been rescheduled for May 16, 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICE — Ouachita Parish

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PARISH OF OUACHITA

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

BE IT KNOWN that on this FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2026, pursuant to an order of the Court dated WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2026, we the undersigned members of the Jury Commission in and for the said Parish and State, namely, SARAH CALHOUN ALLBRITTON, HERBERT D. GUILLORY, PAMELA HIGGINS SAULSBERRY, SAM O. HENRY, IV

Duly and legally appointed and sworn to law, a quorum being present, assembled at the Clerk's Office in the Courthouse, at Monroe, Louisiana, together with Dana Benson, Clerk of Court and a member of said Commission, and did then and there perform the duties prescribed by law in the following manner to-wit: The Court ordered the drawing of 300 jurors to serve as Petit Jurors for the term of Court beginning MONDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2026;

The names having been drawn by a computer indiscriminately and by lot as provided for by C.Cr.P.Art.416.1, are as follows:

Adams, Brent S
Albritton, Jared Michael
Alexander, Kim M
Allen, Heather Womack
Allen, Spencer Scott
Amburn, Dewayne Thomas
Amos, Parker
Anderson, Alexis
Arnold, Ryan Michael
Atkins, Juanita Wafer
Auttonberry, Lauri Hart
Bailey, Lauren Graham
Baker, Carrie
Banks, Mary Lynne
Barham, Emmett G
Bell, Kenneth Brandon
Bennett, Earl H
Bennett, Haley Leeann
Benton, Kimberly Mischell
Beryman, Neville Lavaughn
Bethly, Yolanda R
Bolden Jr, Samuel
Boley, Elizabeth Ann
Bonner, Valencia T
Bonsall, Alexis R
Bradley, Lashuna Moneaki
Bradshaw, Norris Fidel
Brady, Shawn Wesley
Brame, Glenda G
Brass, Kalihay Rachelle
Breckenridge, William Douglas
Breithaupt, Clara Jean
Broadway, Gerrial Diane
Brown, Jennifer
Brown, Thomas Alan
Brown, Wanda Evans
Brown, William Perry
Brunini, Adeline Lark
Burford, Chad Kenneth
Bursey, Terri B
Burton, Lisa C
Bush, Brandi Nicole
Bush, Florie M
Calhoun, Maple R
Camp, Madison Sage
Capers, Roy Glen
Caples, Marshall Dylan
Carter, Wynona Charmaine
Chamblee, Murphy C
Chappell, Cecil Brent
Chatham, Shannon Renee
Cheek, Kara Schultz
Chilton, Cody Alan
Cloman, Xiniqua Nanette
Coleman, Tameshia Deon Vunsha
Collins, Desdemonta L
Colvin, Tamekia Renee
Conway, Katrice L
Coody, Addie Bell
Copeland, Sarah Cathlyn
Copeland, Seth Ray
Corder, Gavin Hayz
Corrent, Janine Marie
Cox Jr, Morris William
Craft, Beck Michael
Craig, Colby Elizabeth
Crews, Gloria A
Crowder II, Thomas Danyel
Crowell, Jerry Dale
Davis, Jerry
Davis, Troy Deanthony
Deal, Sydni Deanne
Deffes, Brittani
Delacerda, Teresa D
Desonier, David Lourd
DiCarlo, Kayla Ann
Digiulian, Austin Reed
Dixon, Miranda Gayle
Dowdy, Kristen Ann
Dumas-Brown, Khadeem Rhasan
Duncan, Jason Lee
Duncan, Latreisha T
Dunn, Hannah Kathleen
Edwards, Dalton Craig
Ellerman, Aaron Jay
Ellis, James R
Ellis, John Albert
Ellis, Lawanda Renee
Escalon, Carol P
Evans, Morgan Leigh
Ewing, Joshua Rhafiel
Felton, Kenneth R
Fennell, Dana L
Ferchaud, Christopher James
Ferguson, Saundra Nicole
Finley, Misty Michelle Wallace
Fleming, Gary Wayne
Flintroy, Donald Edward
Forbes, Lee W
Ford, Cody Marcus
Ford, Krystal L
Fountain, Daniel James
Free, Kourtney Allison
Frost, David Allan
Frost, Heather Alexander
Gardner, Monique Latrice
Garland, Donna P
Garner, Aubrey Michelle
Gibson, John Henry
Gilmore, Bradley Jay
Gilmore, Juanita Carole
Giovingo, Louis Joe
Giroir, Freddie J
Glenn, Sharon Irene
Goods, Charlene P
Graves, Susie K
Griffin, Erin Hayden
Guice, Quintin Marquise
Gummere, John Dennis
Hailey, Clovis W
Hall, James Hewitt
Hancock, Shannon Sims
Harris, Christi Atwood
Harris, Edric Jamil
Harris, Jaimie Alechia Treadway
Harris, Johnnie Gregory
Hearn, Larry Nathaniel
Heckford, Jessie James
Heisler, Heath R
Hemphill, Peggy E
Hendrix, Robert Lavelle
Herren, Mary Jo
Hery, Olivia
Hicks, Lee Hunter
Higdon, Amy Marie
Hilbert, Jerry W
Holland, Angel Chardonny
Holley, Misty Llaneta
Hollis, Connor Lee
Holtzclaw, Allison A
Horne, Rodarrius Chyanne
Horsley, Jacqueline
Hudgins, Archie Lee
Huggins, Margaret Kimberly
Irby, Jennifer Laureen
Jarrell, Victoria Angelique
Jenkins, Mikala D
Johnson, Anthony Carl
Johnson, Christina W
Johnson, Jeffrey Lynn
Johnson, Patricia Ann
Johnson, Sharon D White
Jones, Jamecia Monyae
Jones, Marlin S
Jones, Trinity Aniya
Joslin, Clay Daniel
Karcher-Tousignant, Kimberly
Kelley, Navia Terrie
Ketha, Bhuvan Mithra
Kilson, Frankie Lee
Kirkland Jr, Willie
Knox, Stacey Renee
Koontz, Robert O
La, Victoria
Lange, Brittany Jane
Larche, Valerie
Lawson, Bonnie A
Lawson, Kaitlyn Ailani
Lee, Leon L
Lemanski, Michal George
Leonard, William Kenneth
Liner, Toby L
Lloyd, Amelia Brown
Lloyd, Monica Robbette
Lowens, Tebbie Carr
Lusby III, Gary D
Lyons, Jimmy L
Machen, Ashley Elizabeth
Madison, Dorothy A
Manley, Kelli Elizabeth
Manley, Patricia L
Manly, Traci Dewain
Manzi, Kaylen Brice
Mariland-Kyles, Fannie
McCullars, Melissa Nicole
McHugh Jr, Bernie G
McIntyre, Sharon Eileen
McLemore, Rebecca H
McMillin, Shirley Vanhooser
Merchant, Wendy Traweek
Methvin, Frances Phillips
Mitchell-Hines, Yasmine Reunje
Moore, Amanda Dortch
Munhollon, Catherine L
Murphy, Mary H
Murray Jr, Joe A
Nash, Linda E
Neal, Chandler Drew
Neemar, Stephan
Neighbors, Megan Elise
Nugent, Brandi Nichole
Osborn, Frankie
Osborne, Brittany Cheree
Osborne, Erin Rene
Owens, Richard A
Parks, Michael W
Peevy, Ashley Blazier
Peevy, Raterius Latrone
Peveto, Keith R
Polk, Ruby Patterson
Poole, Hannah
Price, Glenda K
Rabb, Jimmy
Ramer, Christopher Douglas
Reed, Caroline Lesley
Reeves, Dillon Hunter
Rhodes, Cathy Elaine
Roan, Zachary Allen
Roark, Donna Anne Miles
Roark, Kyle Lee
Roberson, Etha J
Robertson, Andrew Kristopher
Robinson, Dewayne
Robinson, Nettie Pitts
Rogers, Casey
Roush, Candance Lashae
Sain, Curtis Lee
Sandlin, Joshua Thomas
Sanford, Janie M
Scoby Jr, Edgar Earl
Sealy, Scott Everett
Serio, Freida G
Shaw, Wanda M
Shlosman, Tanya Michelle
Slack, Ephraim C
Sledge II, Daniel A
Smiley, Oliva Gayle
Smith, Cornelius A
Smith, Gwendolyn L
Smith, Susan C
Smith, Walter Marvin
Snyder, Dawn Joyce
Spears, Dakota
Spencer, Curtland Eugene
Spillers, Jamie Renee
Spires Jr, Timothy Davenport
Standifer, Sherry
Stewart, Angela Marie
Stravato, Michael P
Stroud, Rebecca Mae
Stroud, Rosalind Renea
Sutton, Robert E
Tates, Katrina Michelle
Taylor, Krystle Marie
Taylor, Ricky L
Thomas, Jaylon Edward
Thomas, Norma Jean
Thomas, Tabitha Brooke
Thomason, Paul Kevin
Thompson, Betty Earline
Thompson, Brittany Ann
Toney, Demarcus Devonte
Tonore, Catherine M
Turner, Charles B
Tyler, Brian K
Tynes, Thomas Bradley
Valentine, Seven M
Vickers, Christan
Vu, Xuyen Van
Wade, Charmine M
Wafer, Dmarcus Marquez
Waldrop I, David M
Wallace, Ella Taylor
Wallace, Kewanta Shonte
Walters, Cheala Livingston
Watkins, Debra Lee
Weaver, John Jeremy
Whatley, Helen Rush
White, Marilyn Lee
Whitton, Tiffany Lanae
Wiedemeier, Paul Douglas
Wilhite, Bruce Lemario
Williams, Anna Katherine
Williams, Davionne Deshun
Williams, Jordan C
Williams, Kenyatta Antionette L
Williams, Roosevelt
Williams, William Wendell
Wilson, David Jerome
Wilson, Marilyn Faye
Wilson, Nancy Howard
Woodard, Coli J
Woodberry, Marquise Jamall
Woods, India Shardae
Woolsey Jr, Robert L
Wright, Charles Douglas
Wroten, Stormy Lynn
Yanez, Taneka Renae
Young, Demetress Moniek
Young, Miranda D

The slips containing the names of persons listed were then placed in a separate envelope, which was sealed and the words "THREE" written thereon and placed in said box labeled "JURY BOX." The Jury Box and General Venire Box were then locked and sealed and delivered to the custody of the Clerk of said Court, subject to the orders of Court.

In testimony all of which we hereunto subscribe our names on this the FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2026, at Monroe, Louisiana. SARAH CALHOUN ALLBRITTON, HERBERT D. GUILLORY, PAMELA HIGGINS SAULSBERRY, SAM O. HENRY IV

I, Dana Benson, Clerk of Court, hereby certify that all of the members of the Jury Commission were duly summoned to attend this meeting as will appear from the Sheriff's returns endorsed on said summons, as on file in my office.

Dana Benson, Clerk of Court

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PUBLIC NOTICES — Morehouse Parish

SHERIFF' SALE

State of Louisiana, Parish of Morehouse, Fourth District Court

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
VS NO. 2025-122
DEREK LYNN COBURN A/K/A DEREK L. COBURN A/K/A DEREK COBURN AND CAILA LEEAN COBURN A/K/A CAILA L. COBURN A/K/A CAILA COBURN

By virtue of a **WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE** issued out of the Honorable **FOURTH Judicial District Court** in and for the **Parish of MOREHOUSE** in the above numbered and entitled suit and to me directed as Sheriff, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest and last bidder, within the hours prescribed by law for making judicial sales, **at the principal front door of the SHERIFFS OFFICE, 351 South Franklin, in the City of Bastrop, Louisiana.**

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2026

The property described in the Act of Mortgage is described as follows:

Commence at the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter, Section 4, Township 21 North, Range 6 East, thence run east 315 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue east 105 feet, thence south parallel with the west line of said forty 1050 feet, thence west 105 feet, thence north parallel with the west line of said forty 1050 feet to the point of beginning.

Seized as the property of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy said **WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE** and all costs.

TERMS OF SALE: FULL PAYMENT OF THE ADJUDICATION PRICE DUE AT TIME OF SALE: WITHOUT benefit of appraisement.

1ST AD: 3-5-26
2ND AD: 4-2-26

MIKE TUBBS, SHERIFF
MOREHOUSE PARISH LOUISIANA

SHERIFF' SALE

State of Louisiana, Parish of Morehouse, Fourth District Court

FIRST HORIZON BANK
VS NO. 2023-127
VICTORIA LINZAY A/K/A VICTORIA DENISE HAYDEN LINZAY AND AMY BOYTE

By virtue of a **WRIT OF FIFA** issued out of the Honorable **FOURTH Judicial District Court** in and for the **Parish of MOREHOUSE** in the above numbered and entitled suit and to me directed as Sheriff, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest and last bidder, within the hours prescribed by law for making judicial sales, **at the principal front door of the SHERIFFS OFFICE, 351 South Franklin, in the City of Bastrop, Louisiana.**

WEDNESDAY MAY 6, 2026

The following described real property lying in the City of Bastrop, Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana, particularly described as follows, to wit: From an iron pipe at the southeast corner of the northwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 21, township 21 North, Range 6 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and being the southeast corner of Lot 11 of the division of the Gill Land as per plat recorded in Official Plat Book 1, Page 112 of the records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and being the southwest corner of Lot 1 of Woodland acres East as per plat recorded in Official Plat book 6; Page 18 of the records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and being in the North line of a Parish Highway and being 30 feet from and at right angles to the centerline; Thence run North 89 degrees 39 minutes West along the South line of the said Lot 11 of the division of Gill Land and the Southline of said forty and the North line of said Parish Highway 400.00 feet to an iron pipe and THE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence continue North 89 degrees 39 minutes West along the said Southern lines for 200.00 feet to a Point; Thence turn and run North 00 degrees 10 minutes East and being parallel to the eastern line of Lots 11 and 16 of the aforesaid division of the Gill Land for 600.95 feet to a point in the northern line of said Lot 16 and being in the southern right of way line of a 60 foot road as shown on the plat of survey of the division of Gill Land and being closed by ordinance No. 1149 of the Morehouse Parish Police Jury; Thence run north 00 degrees 19 minutes east for 30.00 feet to a point in the aforesaid centerline of the closed road; Thence turn and run south 89 degrees 41 minutes east being the said centerline 200.00 feet to a point; Thence run south 00 degrees 19 minutes west 30.00 feet to a point in the northern line of said Lot 16; Thence run south 00 degrees 10 minutes west 601.04 feet to an iron pipe and THE POINT OF BEGINNING. The above described tract of land is situated in the northwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 21, Township 21 North, Range 6 East, Morehouse Parish Louisiana, and being a portion of Lots 11 and 16 of said division of Gill Land, and containing 2.897 acres This being the same property conveyed to Victoria Denise Hayden Linzay, dated 09/26/2019 and recorded on 09/27/2019 in instrument No. 0264139, in the Morehouse County Recorder's Office; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral right of record affecting the property.

Seized as the property of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy said **WRIT OF FIFA** and all costs.

TERMS OF SALE: FULL PAYMENT OF THE ADJUDICATION PRICE DUE AT TIME OF SALE: WITHOUT benefit of appraisement.

1ST AD: 4-2-26
2ND AD: 4-30-26

MIKE TUBBS, SHERIFF
MOREHOUSE PARISH LOUISIANA

PUBLIC NOTICES — Morehouse Parish

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Although it is believed not necessary, out of an abundance of caution notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution that on March 25, 2026, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric service in various parishes throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its Application for Approval of Generation and Transmission Resources and Other Relief Pursuant to the Commission's Lightning Initiative, and Request for Timely Treatment.

The filing seeks certification of various generation and transmission-related resources needed in connection with extending service to a new customer proposing to site a facility in northeast Louisiana. The filing sets forth that no new rate schedule or rider is being proposed for those resources and that the recovery of costs for those resources is anticipated to come at no additional cost to ELL's existing customers, but rather from the new customer through a Contribution in Aid of Construction Agreement and revenues received from the customer's participation in ELL's standard Large Load, High Load Factor Power Service Rate Schedule. The filing sets forth the various customer protections and benefits that result from ELL's service agreement with the customer and from the proposed resources presented in ELL's filing, including estimated benefits to customers of more than $2 billion. The filing further outlines the Company's execution plan for the construction of the relevant facilities.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
MOREHOUSE PARISH POLICE JURY
125 E. MADISON AVE.
BASTROP, LOUISIANA 71220
SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL ROOF REPAIRS

General Notice:

The Morehouse Parish Police Jury is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL ROOF REPAIRS

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Morehouse Parish Police Jury located at 125 E. Madison Ave., Bastrop, LA 71220 until the 5TH day of MAY,10:00 AM local time, and shall at that time and place publicly open bids and read them aloud.

The Project includes the following Work: Repair of the jail roof and related work.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: Sheriff's Office Roof Repairs

Owner anticipates that the Project's total bid price will be approximately $ 318,000. Project has an expected duration of 60 calendar days.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: McManus Consulting Engineers, Inc., 116 Smelser Road, Monroe, LA 71202. Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Officeby paying a deposit of $150 for each set. Deposits on the first set of documents furnished prime bidders shall be fully refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders, the deposit less the actual cost of reproduction, shall be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. Compact Disc containing Bidding Documents (PDF) are available at a cost of $25. No refund will be given for returned CD's. Make deposit checks for Bidding Documents payable to McManus Consulting Engineers, Inc. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents on compact disc will be sent via the prospective Bidder's delivery service.The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method chosen.

Per L.R.S. 38.2212, the contractor has the option to submit the proposal and the bid bond electronically. Complete Bid Documents for this project are available from Central Bidding in electronic form. The contractor can register with Central Bidding if willing to do so. If the contractor has any questions regarding this process they can contact Central Bidding at (225) 810-4814. Plan holders will be responsible for their own reproduction costs.

All bids shall be accompanied by bid security in an amount of five percent (5.0%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates. The form of this security shall be as stated in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written as described in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212(B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section; and those stated in the bidding documents shall not be waived by any entity.

Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Classification

This project is classified as: Building Construction, Roofing and Sheet Metal Siding (LA R.S. 37)

This Advertisement is issued by: Morehouse Parish Police Jury

Terry Matthews, President
On April 2, April 9, and April 16, 2026

SHERIFF' SALE

State of Louisiana, Parish of Morehouse, Fourth District Court

FIRST HORIZON BANK
VS NO. 2023-450
SUCCESSION OF GLENDA B. WORLEY AND DANIEL ANDERSON WORLEY

By virtue of a **WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE** issued out of the Honorable **FOURTH Judicial District Court** in and for the **Parish of MOREHOUSE** in the above numbered and entitled suit and to me directed as Sheriff, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest and last bidder, within the hours prescribed by law for making judicial sales, **at the principal front door of the SHERIFFS OFFICE, 351 South Franklin, in the City of Bastrop, Louisiana.**

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2026

From the Southwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 21 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, run South 89° and 34' West along the south line of said forty 662.52 feet to an iron pipe in said forty line and to the West right of way line of the Bonner Ferry Gravel Road, thence run North 22° West along the western right of way line of said road 224.4 feet to an iron pipe and the POINT OF BEGINNING thence continue on same course 253.35 feet to an iron pipe, thence run South 81° and 35' West 400.46 feet to an iron pipe, thence run South 22° East parallel with the Western right of way line of said road 193.35 feet to an iron pipe, thence run North 89° and 34' East 417 feet to an iron pipe and the Point of Beginning. The tract of land so described and set apart being in and a part of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 23, Township 21 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and containing 2.00 acres, more or less.

BEGINNING at an iron pipe at the Northeast corner of Section 23, T21 N, R 5 E, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; thence run S 00° 01' 15" E along the eastern line of Section 23 for 1523.37 feet to an iron pipe in the western right of way line of Frederick Street; thence run S 38° 23' 24" W along the northern right of way line of Frederick Street for 50.22 feet to an iron pipe; thence run N 57° 51' 18" W for 141373 feet to an iron pipe; thence 54° 59' 33" W for 271.26 feet to an iron pipe; thence run S 30° 08' 2" W for 174.62 feet to an iron pipe in the eastern right of way line of Bonner Ferry Road and being in a curve to the right; thence run in a northerly direction along the eastern right of way line of Bonner Ferry Road and being in a curve to the right having a Radius of 758.28 feet, the Chord being N 34° 14' 54" W 354.15 feet for 357.45 feet to a point at the PT of said curve; thence run N 20° 44' 39" W along said eastern right of way line for 361.63 feet to a point; thence run N 21° 20' 01" W along said eastern right of way line for 365.07 feet to a point; thence run N 2° 04' 50" W along said eastern right of way line for 547.83 feet to an iron pipe in the northern line of said Section 23; thence run N 89° 47' 33" E along said northern line for 1126.67 feet to an iron pipe and the Point of Beginning. The above described tract of land is situated in a portion of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 23, T 21 N, R 5 E, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, containing 27.7942 Acres as surveyed by Frank L. Messinger, Professional Land Surveyor.

From an iron pipe at the Northwest corner of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 23, Township 21 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, run South 00° 30' West, along the West line of said forty, 535.39 feet to an iron pipe at the Southwest corner of that certain 1.447 acre tract of land acquired by Terry W. Andrews, and THE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence turn and run South 89° 50' East, along the South line of said Andrew tract, and being parallel to the North line of said forty, 342.45 feet to an iron pipe in the Western line of Louisiana State Highway No. 593 (Bonner Ferry Road); thence turn and run South 20° 05' East, along the Western line of said highway, 364.33 feet to a steel fence post at the Southeast corner of that certain tract of land acquired by H.A. Barham, Est. as per exchange deed recorded in Conveyance Book 332, page 352 of the Records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; thence turn and run South 82° 32' West, along the South line of said Barham Estate tract, 400.46 feet to an iron pipe at the Southwest corner thereof, and being in the Eastern line of a tract of land acquired by Morehouse Country Club; thence turn and run North 19° 47' West, along the Eastern line of said Morehouse Country Club tract, 30.0 feet to an iron pipe; thence turn and run North 08° 40' West, along the Eastern line of said Morehouse Country Club tract, 372.17 feet to an iron pipe in the West line of said forty, and the Point of Beginning. The above describe tract of land being situated in a portion of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 23, Township 21 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, and containing 3.234 acres, more or less.

Together with any and all present and future buildings, constructions, component parts, improvements, attachments, appurtenances, fixtures, rights, ways, privileges, advantages, batture, and batture rights, servitudes and easements of every type and description, now and/or in the future relating to the Property, and any and all items and fixtures attached to and/or forming integral or component parts of the Property in accordance with the Louisiana Civil Code.
The property or its address is commonly known as 2075 Bonner Ferry Road, Bastrop, LA 71220.

Seized as the property of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy said **WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE** and all costs.

TERMS OF SALE: FULL PAYMENT OF THE ADJUDICATION PRICE DUE AT TIME OF SALE: WITH benefit of appraisement.

1ST AD: 3-5-26
2ND AD: 4-2-26

MIKE TUBBS, SHERIFF
MOREHOUSE PARISH LOUISIANA

PUBLIC NOTICE — Morehouse Parish

NOTICE

Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at the Party Primary/Municipal Primary Election May 16, 2026

Pursuant to Act 1 of the 2025 First Extraordinary Session, the election previously scheduled for April 18, 2026 has been rescheduled for May 16, 2026.

CODING: Words which are ~~struck through~~ are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and/or underscored** are additions.

Proposed Amendment No. 1
Regular Session, 2025

ACT No. 223

SENATE BILL NO. 8
BY SENATOR MORRIS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 2(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state civil service; to authorize additional positions in the unclassified state civil service by law; to prohibit the removal of such positions except by law; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article X, Section 2(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§2. Classified and Unclassified Service

Section 2.(A)

* * *

(B) Unclassified Service. The unclassified service shall include the following officers and employees in the state and city civil service:

(1) elected officials and persons appointed to fill vacancies in elective offices;

(2) the heads of each principal executive department appointed by the governor, the mayor, or the governing authority of a city;

(3) city attorneys;

(4) registrars of voters;

(5) members of state and city boards, authorities, and commissions;

(6) one private secretary to the president of each college or university;

(7) one person holding a confidential position and one principal assistant or deputy to any officer, board, commission, or authority mentioned in (1), (2), (4), or (5) above, except civil service departments;

(8) members of the military or naval forces;

(9) teaching and professional staffs, and administrative officers of schools, colleges, and universities of the state, and bona fide students of those institutions employed by any state, parochial, or municipal agency;

(10) employees, deputies, and officers of the legislature and of the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, each mayor and city attorney, of police juries, school boards, assessors, and of all offices provided for in Article V of this constitution except the offices of clerk of the municipal and traffic courts in New Orleans;

(11) commissioners of elections, watchers, and custodians and deputy custodians of voting machines;

(12) railroad employees whose working conditions and retirement benefits are regulated by federal agencies in accordance with federal law; and

(13) the director, deputy director, and all employees of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Additional positions may be added to the unclassified service and those positions may be revoked by rules adopted by a commission. **Additional officers, positions, and employees may be added to the unclassified service in the state civil service by law and such additional officers, positions, and employees may be removed from the unclassified service only by law.**

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026, if House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana becomes effective. If House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana does not become effective, this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

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

"Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to remove or add officers, positions, and employees to the unclassified state civil service?" (Amends Article X, Section 2(B))

Proposed Amendment No. 2
Regular Session, 2025

ACT No. 218

SENATE BILL NO. 25

BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to certain effects and purposes for the proposed St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish which shall be regarded and treated as a parish and shall have the authority granted parishes with respect to operating a school system, including the purposes of certain funding and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to specify an election date for submission of the proposition to electors and to provide for a ballot proposition.

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, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§13. Funding; Apportionment

Section 13. * * *

(D)(1) Municipal and Other School Systems. For the effects and purposes of this Section, the Central community school system**, the St. George community school system,** and the Zachary community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish, and the municipalities of Baker in East Baton Rouge Parish, Monroe in Ouachita Parish, and Bogalusa in Washington Parish, and no others, shall be regarded and treated as parishes and shall have the authority granted parishes. Consistent with Article VIII of this constitution, relevant to equal educational opportunities, no state dollars shall be used to discriminate or to have the effect of discriminating in providing equal educational opportunity for all students.

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Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026, if House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana becomes effective. If House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana does not become effective, this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at a statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

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

Do you support an amendment to grant the St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish the same authority granted parishes for purposes of Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana, including purposes related to the minimum foundation program, funding for certain school books and instructional materials, and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools? (Amends Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1))

Proposed Amendment No. 3
Regular Session, 2025

ACT No. 222

HOUSE BILL NO. 473

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON AND SENATOR EDMONDS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10.8(A)(1), (2), and (4), (B), and (C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to enact Article VII, Section 10.17, and to repeal Article VII, Sections 10(F)(4)(d), 10.1, 10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), and 10.16(A)(9), relative to monies in the state treasury; to repeal the Education Excellence Fund within the Millennium Trust, the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund, and the Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund; to apply monies held in those funds to liabilities of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and to require local public school systems to pay a teacher pay raise with savings realized from payment of those retirement system liabilities; to require additional state general fund expenditures for the Minimum Foundation Program relative to such pay raises; to direct the state treasurer to take certain actions with respect to monies in repealed funds; to provide for calculation and transfer of such monies to the Overcollections Fund for use by specified entities pursuant to outlined restrictions; to execute technical changes; 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 VII, Section 10.8(A)(1), (2), and (4), (B), and (C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to enact Article VII, Section 10.17 to read as follows:

§10.8. Millennium Trust

Section 10.8. Millennium Trust

(A) Creation. (1) There shall be established in the state treasury as a special permanent trust the "Millennium Trust". After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of this constitution, the treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the Millennium Trust certain monies received as a result of the Master Settlement Agreement, hereinafter the "Settlement Agreement", executed November 23, 1998, and approved by Consent Decree and Final Judgment entered in the case "Richard P. Ieyoub, Attorney General, ex rel. State of Louisiana v. Philip Morris, Incorporated, et al.", bearing Number 98-6473 on the docket of the Fourteenth Judicial District for the parish of Calcasieu, state of Louisiana; and all dividend and interest income and all realized capital gains on investment of the monies in the Millennium Trust. The treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the Millennium Trust ~~the following amounts of monies received as a result of the Settlement Agreement:~~

~~(a) Fiscal Year 2000-2001, forty-five percent of the total monies received that year.~~

~~(b) Fiscal Year 2001-2002, sixty percent of the total monies received that year.~~

~~(c) Fiscal Year 2002-2003 and each fiscal year thereafter,~~ seventy-five percent of the total monies received ~~that year.~~ each fiscal year as a result of the Settlement Agreement. ~~However, beginning in Fiscal Year 2011-2012 after the balance in the Millennium Trust reaches a total of one billion three hundred eighty million dollars, the~~ The monies deposited in and credited to the Millennium Trust, received as a result of the Settlement Agreement, shall be allocated to the ~~various funds within the Millennium Trust as provided in Subsubparagraphs (2)(b), (3)(b), and (4)(b) and (c) of this Paragraph.~~ TOPS Fund.

~~(d) For Fiscal Year 2000-2001, Fiscal Year 2001-2002, and Fiscal Year 2002-2003, ten percent of the total monies received in each of those years for credit to the Education Excellence Fund which, notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (C)(1) of this Section, shall be appropriated for the purposes provided in Subsubparagraph (d) of Subparagraph (3) of Paragraph (C) of this Section.~~

(2)(a) The Health Excellence Fund shall be established as a special fund within the Millennium Trust. ~~The treasurer shall credit to the Health Excellence Fund one-third of the Settlement Agreement proceeds deposited each year into the Millennium Trust, and one-third of all investment earnings on the investment of the Millennium Trust. The treasurer shall report annually to the legislature as to the amount of Millennium Trust investment earnings credited to the Health Excellence Fund.~~

~~(b) Beginning Fiscal Year 2011-2012, and each fiscal year thereafter, the~~ The treasurer shall credit to the Health Excellence Fund ~~one-third~~ one-half of all investment earnings on the investment of the Millennium Trust. The treasurer shall report annually to the legislature as to the amount of Millennium Trust investment earnings credited to the Health Excellence Fund.

~~(c)~~ (b) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2012, after~~ After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of this constitution, the state treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the Health Excellence Fund an amount equal to the revenues derived from the tax levied pursuant to R.S. 47:841(B)(3).

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(4)~~(a)~~ The TOPS Fund shall be established as a special fund within the Millennium Trust. ~~The treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the TOPS Fund one- third of the Settlement Agreement proceeds deposited into the Millennium Trust, and one-third of all investment earnings on the investment of the Millennium Trust. The treasurer shall report annually to the legislature as to the amount of Millennium Trust investment earnings credited to the TOPS Fund.~~

~~(b) Beginning Fiscal Year 2011-2012, and each fiscal year thereafter, the~~ The treasurer shall credit to the TOPS Fund one hundred percent of the Settlement Agreement proceeds deposited into the Millennium Trust, and ~~one-third~~ one-half of all investment earnings on the investment of the Millennium Trust. The treasurer shall report annually to the legislature as to the amount of Millennium Trust Settlement

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Agreement proceeds and investment earnings credited to the TOPS Fund.

~~(c) Upon the effective date of this Subsubparagraph, the state treasurer shall deposit, transfer, or otherwise credit funds in an amount equal to such Settlement Agreement proceeds deposited in and credited to the Millennium Trust received by the state between April 1, 2011 and the effective date of this Subsubparagraph to the TOPS Fund.~~

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(B) Investment. Monies credited to the Millennium Trust pursuant to Paragraph (A) of this Section shall be invested by the treasurer ~~with the same authority and subject to the same restrictions as the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund.~~ as provided by law. However, the portion of monies in the Millennium Trust which may be invested in stock may be increased to no more than fifty percent by a specific legislative instrument which receives a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature. The legislature shall provide for procedures for the investment of such monies by law. The treasurer may contract, subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, for the management of such investments and, if a contract is entered into, amounts necessary to pay the costs of the contract shall be appropriated from the Millennium Trust.

(C) Appropriations. (1)(a) ~~Appropriations from the Education Excellence Fund shall be limited to an annual amount not to exceed the estimated aggregate annual earnings from interest, dividends, and realized capital gains on investment of the trust allocated as provided by Paragraph (A) of this Section and as recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference. Amounts determined to be available for appropriation shall be those aggregate investment earnings which are in excess of an inflation factor as determined by the Revenue Estimating Conference. The amount of realized capital gains on investment which may be included in the aggregate earnings available for appropriation in any year shall not exceed the aggregate of earnings from interest and dividends for that year.~~

~~(b)(i) For Fiscal Year 2011-2012, appropriations from the Health Excellence Fund shall be limited to an annual amount not to exceed the estimated aggregate annual earnings from interest, dividends, and realized capital gains on investment of the trust and credited to the Health Excellence Fund as provided by Subsubparagraph (A)(2)(b) of this Section and as recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference.~~

~~(ii) For Fiscal Year 2012-2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, appropriations~~ Appropriations from the Health Excellence Fund shall be limited to an annual amount not to exceed the estimated aggregate annual earnings from interest, dividends, and realized capital gains on investment of the trust and credited to the Health Excellence Fund as provided by Subsubparagraph ~~(A)(2)(b)~~ (A)(2)(a) of this Section and as recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference and the amount of proceeds credited to and deposited into the Health Excellence Fund as provided by Subsubparagraph ~~(A)(2)(c)~~ (A)(2)(b) of this Section.

~~(c)(i) For Fiscal Year 2011-2012, appropriations from the TOPS Fund shall be limited to the amount of Settlement Agreement proceeds credited to and deposited into the TOPS Fund as provided by Subsubparagraphs (A)(4)(b) and (c) of this Section, and an annual amount not to exceed the estimated aggregate annual earnings from interest, dividends, and realized capital gains on investment of the trust and credited to the TOPS Fund as provided by Subsubparagraph (A)(4)(b) of this Section and as recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference.~~

~~(ii)~~ (b)(i) ~~For Fiscal Year 2012-2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, appropriations~~ Appropriations from the TOPS Fund shall be limited to the amount of annual Settlement Agreement proceeds credited to and deposited into the TOPS Fund as provided in ~~Subsubparagraph (A)(4)(b)~~ Subparagraph (A)(4) of this Section, and an annual amount not to exceed the estimated aggregate annual earnings from interest, dividends, and realized capital gains on investment of the trust and credited to the TOPS Fund as provided in ~~Subsubparagraph (A)(4)(b)~~ Subparagraph (A)(4) of this Section and as recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

~~(iii)~~ (ii) ~~Further, for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, and each fiscal year thereafter, amounts~~ Amounts determined to be available for appropriation from the TOPS Fund from interest earnings shall be those aggregate investment earnings which are in excess of an inflation factor as determined by the Revenue Estimating Conference. The amount of realized capital gains on investment which may be included in the aggregate earnings available for appropriation in any year shall not exceed the aggregate of earnings from interest and dividends for that year.

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§10.17. Payment of State Retirement Debt

Section 10.17.(A)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution to the contrary, no later than May 31, 2026, the state treasurer shall transfer to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana the liquidated fair market value of each of the following:

(a) The Education Excellence Fund.

(b) The Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund.

(c) The Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund.

(2) The Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana shall apply monies received pursuant to Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph to its oldest outstanding positive amortization base. After liquidation of such base, any remaining monies shall be applied to the next-oldest outstanding positive amortization base, until all such monies have been applied. If application of monies pursuant to the provisions of this Subparagraph are insufficient to fully liquidate an amortization base, after application of such monies the net remaining liability of such amortization base shall be reamortized with annual level-dollar payments calculated in the same manner as other system amortization payments and over the remainder of the amortization period originally established for that base.

(B)(1) Any net savings attributable to the payments made pursuant to Paragraph (A) of this Section shall be used by each public school system that participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to provide a permanent salary increase, plus any related benefits, of two thousand two hundred fifty dollars for certificated personnel and one thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars for noncertificated personnel, as provided by law.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution or law to the contrary, the minimum foundation program formula effective for the 2026-2027 school year shall include both of the following:

(i) A permanent salary increase and related benefits for public school system personnel whose employers do not participate in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana equivalent to the permanent salary increase and related benefits provided pursuant to the provisions of Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph.

(ii) A calculation of the total amount necessary to complete funding of the permanent salary increase and related benefits granted pursuant to Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph for each public school system that participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana that did not realize net savings for the 2026-2027 school year attributable to the payments made pursuant to Paragraph (A) of this Section sufficient to fund such permanent salary increase and related benefits.

(b)(i) Until the legislature approves a formula pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of this Constitution that includes the funding and permanent salary increase and related benefits required pursuant to Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph, they are deemed part of the formula most recently adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and approved by the legislature.

(ii) The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not be construed to infringe on the authority granted to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to Article VIII, Sections 3(A) and 13(B) of this Constitution and shall cease to apply when a new minimum foundation program formula that includes the funding and permanent salary increase required pursuant to Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph is adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or its successor and is approved by the legislature in conformity with the provisions of Article VIII, Section 13(B).

(c) Funding amounts required pursuant to the provisions of Item (a)(ii) of this Subparagraph shall be maintained for each public school system at the level established for that system for the 2026-2027 school year until a new minimum foundation program formula that includes the funding and permanent salary increase required pursuant to Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph is adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or its successor and is approved by the legislature in conformity with the provisions of Article VIII, Section 13(B).

(3) For the purposes of this Paragraph, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Personnel" shall mean persons employed in the positions for which an across-the-board pay raise was proposed in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 minimum foundation program formula for that fiscal year and for which a stipend was provided for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in Act No. 4 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature.

(b) "Public school system" shall mean any city, parish, or other local public school board; charter school; and any other elementary or secondary school governing authority.

Section 2. 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 repeal Article VII, Sections 10(F)(4)(d), 10.1, 10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), and 10.16(A)(9).

Section 3. Within two weeks of the effective date of this Act, the Department of Education shall coordinate with the Department of Treasury to certify amounts maintained in the Education Excellence Fund held to the credit of a political subdivision or school. The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the Overcollections Fund an amount equal to the total certified balance. Notwithstanding any provision of constitution or law to the contrary, monies held in the Overcollections Fund pursuant to the provisions of this Section may be withdrawn by the Department of Education without appropriation in order to remit to each entity its certified amount prior to the end of fiscal year 2026-2027. Use of monies received pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be restricted to expenditure for pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade instructional enhancement for students, including early childhood education programs focused on enhancing the preparation of at-risk children for school, remedial instruction, and assistance to children who fail to achieve the required scores on any tests passage of which are required pursuant to state law or rule for advancement to a succeeding grade or other educational programs approved by the legislature. Expenditures for maintenance or renovation of buildings, capital improvements, and increases in employee salaries are prohibited.

Section 4. Within two weeks of the effective date of this Act, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Regents shall each coordinate with the Department of Treasury to certify amounts maintained in the Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund held to the agency's credit within the fund. The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the Overcollections Fund an amount equal to the certified balances of each agency. Monies held in the Overcollections Fund for each agency shall be appropriated and used in accordance with the following:

(A) Higher Education. Monies attributable to the certified balance of the Board of Regents shall be appropriated to the Board of Regents and allocated for any or all of the following higher educational purposes to enhance economic development:

(1) The carefully defined research efforts of public and private universities in Louisiana.

(2) The endowment of chairs for eminent scholars.

(3) The enhancement of the quality of academic, research, or agricultural departments or units within a community college, college, or university. These funds shall not be used for athletic purposes or programs.

(4) The recruitment of superior graduate students.

(B) Elementary and Secondary Education. Monies attributable to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall be appropriated to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and allocated for any or all of the following purposes:

(1) To provide compensation to city or parish school board professional instructional employees.

(2) To insure an adequate supply of superior textbooks, library books, equipment, and other instructional materials.

(3) To fund exemplary programs in elementary and secondary schools designed to improve elementary or secondary student academic achievement or vocational-technical skill.

(4) To fund carefully defined research efforts, including pilot programs, designed to improve elementary and secondary student academic achievement.

(5) To fund school remediation programs and preschool programs.

(6) To fund the teaching of foreign languages in elementary and secondary schools.

(7) To fund an adequate supply of teachers by providing scholarships or stipends to prospective teachers in academic or vocational-technical areas where there is a critical teacher shortage.

Section 5.(A) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, any transfer to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall be net of amounts needed to satisfy the requirements of Sections 3 and 4 of this Act and amounts needed to satisfy 2025-2026 fiscal year appropriations from the following funds:

(1) Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund.

(2) Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund.

(3) Education Excellence Fund.

(B) Unexpended monies in each of the funds listed in Paragraph (A) of this Section shall be transferred to the state general fund on July 1, 2026. No appropriation from any such fund from the 2025-2026 fiscal year shall be carried forward to next fiscal year.

Section 6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, after the effective date of this Act, unless or until directed otherwise by law the treasurer shall deposit into the state general fund any monies that would have been deposited in or credited to the following funds:

(A) Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund.

(B) Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund.

(C) Education Excellence Fund.

Section 7. To the extent any additional funding is needed for the minimum foundation program formula for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 because of the provisions of this Act, the total amount of such funding shall be submitted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to the legislature for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 general appropriation bill no later than May 15, 2026.

Section 8. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026.

Section 9. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to fund a $2,250 teacher pay raise and $1,125 support staff pay raise by utilizing the remaining savings from paying down the debt of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana with monies from certain constitutional funds?

(Effective January 1, 2027) (Amends Article VII, Section 10.8(A)(1), (2), and (4), (B), and (C)(1); Adds Article VII, Section 10.17; Repeals Article VII, Sections 10(F)(4)(d), 10.1, 10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), and 10.16(A)(9))

Proposed Amendment No. 4
Regular Session, 2025

ACT No. 221

HOUSE BILL NO. 366
BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Sections 10.15(F)(1) and 18(A) and (B) and to add Article 3 VII, Sections 20.1, 20.2, and 21(P) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem taxes; to authorize certain payments to certain parishes; to provide for the classification of certain property; to authorize the exemption of certain property under certain circumstances; to provide for effectiveness; 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 VII, Sections 10.15(F)(1) and 18(A) and (B) and to add Article VII, Sections 20.1, 20.2, and 21(P) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§10.15. Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund

Section 10.15. Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund.

(A) The Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund is hereby established in the state treasury as a special trust fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund".

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(F)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this constitution and in Subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this Paragraph, no appropriations shall be made from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund.

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§18. Ad Valorem Taxes

Section 18.(A) Assessments. Property subject to ad valorem taxation shall be listed on the assessment rolls at its assessed valuation, which, except as provided in Paragraphs (C), (F), and (G) of this Section and Article VII, Section 21(P) of this Constitution, shall be a percentage of its fair market value. The percentage of fair market value shall be uniform throughout the state upon the same class of property.

(B) Classification. (1) The classifications of property subject to ad valorem taxation and the percentage of fair market value applicable to each classification for the purpose of determining assessed valuation are as follows:

Classifications	Percentages
~~1.~~(a) Land	10%
~~2.~~(b) Improvements for residential purposes	10%
~~3.~~(c) Electric cooperative properties, excluding land	15%
~~4.~~(d) Public service properties, excluding land	25%
(e) Public Service property, excluding land, owned by a railroad company	15%
(f) Business inventory	15%
~~5.~~(g) Other Property	15%

(2) The legislature may enact laws defining electric cooperative properties and public service properties.

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§20.1. Ad valorem tax; Business inventory tax exemption prohibition

Section 20.1. Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, the legislature shall not enact any law mandating any taxing authority to exempt business inventory from ad valorem tax. For purposes of this Section, "business inventory" means the aggregate of those items of tangible personal property that are held for sale in the ordinary course of business, are currently in the process of production for subsequent sale, or are to physically become a part of the production of such goods.

§20.2. Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Funding

Section 20.2. There shall be a one-time payment from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund to each parish that elects to irrevocably exempt, in accordance with law, all business inventory within its boundaries from ad valorem tax. Any payment made pursuant to this Section shall be disbursed by the treasurer to the tax collector of the parish. The tax collector shall distribute the monies pro rata to each taxing authority that levies an ad valorem tax within the parish. The amount of the payment shall be calculated as provided by law and certified by the Department of Revenue. Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, monies shall be disbursed by the treasurer to the collector within thirty days of receipt of a certification from the secretary of the Department of Revenue that the parish has irrevocably elected to exempt business inventory from ad valorem tax.

§21. Other Property Exemptions

Section 21. In addition to the homestead exemption provided for in Section 20 of this Article, the following property and no other shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation:

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(P)(1) There shall be an optional ad valorem tax exemption on items constituting business inventory, as defined in Article VII, Section 20.1 of this Constitution. The optional exemption shall only be effective in parishes in which the sheriff, school board, and the parish governing authority all elect to exempt business inventory from ad valorem taxation.

(2) A parish may elect to exempt all property constituting business inventory or may elect to provide for a partial exemption of property constituting business inventory by reducing the percentage of fair market value applicable to such property only if all of the following agree to the election: the sheriff, the school board, and the parish governing authority.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in this Joint Resolution shall be applicable to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026.

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

Do you support an amendment to allow a parish to reduce or exempt property tax on property held as business inventory and to provide for the classification of Public Service Property? (Amends Article VII, Sections 10.15(F)(1) and 18(A) and (B); Adds Article VII, Sections 20.1, 20.2, and 21(P))

Proposed Amendment No. 5
Regular Session, 2025

ACT No. 219

HOUSE BILL NO. 63
BY REPRESENTATIVES GREEN AND HUGHES
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article V, Section 23(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the mandatory retirement of judges; to provide that a judge shall not remain in office beyond his seventy-fifth birthday; 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 V, Section 23(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§23. Judges; Retirement

Section 23.

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(B) Mandatory Retirement. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, a judge shall not remain in office beyond his ~~seventieth birthday~~ seventy-fifth birthday. A judge who attains seventy-five years of age ~~A judge who attains seventy years of age~~ while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026.

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

Do you support an amendment to change the mandatory retirement age for judges from seventy to seventy-five, provided that a judge may continue to serve to complete a term of office? (Amends Article V, Section 23(B))

Pursuant to Act 1 of the 2025 First Extraordinary Session, the election previously scheduled for April 18, 2026 has been rescheduled for May 16, 2026.