

Public Notices

STATE OF LOUISIANA 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PARISH OF CONCORDIA VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

ASSURANCE FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC

vs SUIT NUMBER 55861

SAMUEL JOSEPH MARTIN AND MEGAN JAYNE WIKE

WRIT OF: WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE

By virtue of above WRIT issued from the Honorable 7th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, in the above-entitled number and cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale the following described property to-wit;

Beginning at the intersection of the west boundary of the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 32, T5N-R7E, with the southerly edge of Louisiana Highway No. 129 at a point which is located West 1332.4 feet and South 631.8 feet from the corner common to Sections 28, 29, 32, and 33, T5N -R7E.

Thence from said point of beginning run South for 178.0 feet; thence East for 184.3 feet; thence North for 272.0 feet to the southerly edge of Louisiana Highway 129 for 210 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Being a portion of the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 32, T5N-R7E, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, Containing 1.0 acre. Together with all buildings situated thereon.

LESS AND EXCEPT

Begin at northwest property corner which is located along a line bearing South 0 degrees 57 minutes 48 seconds West, 51.74 feet from project centerline at Highway Survey Station 104+22.35; from said point of beginning proceed 1 North 51 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds East along defendant's northerly property line a distance of 50.85 feet to point located 40 feet right, opposite and at right angles to the centerline at Highway Survey Station 104+40.39; thence proceed along the arc of a curve having a radius of 302.06 feet (the chord of which bears North 66 degrees 50 minutes 43 seconds East, 158.85 feet) an arc distance of 160.74 feet to defendant's northeast property corner; which if extended North 0 degrees 57 minutes 48 seconds East, intersects the project centerline at Highway Survey Station 106+55.16; thence proceed South 0 degrees 57 minutes 48 seconds West, along easterly property line a distance of 42.09 feet to the southerly required right of way; thence proceed North 86 degrees 40 minutes 19 seconds West, 72.25 feet to a point which is located 66.22 feet right, opposite and at right angles to the centerline at Highway Survey Station 104+73.64; thence proceed South 51 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 92.31 feet to defendant's westerly property line; thence proceed North 0 degrees 57 minutes 48 seconds East, 12.93 feet to the point of beginning, containing a net required area of approximately 0.087 of an acre.

Which has the address of 10576 Highway 129, Monterey, LA 71354

DATE OF SALE: **APRIL 29, 2026**

PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, LA

TIME OF SALE: 10:00AM

TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITHOUT benefit of appraisalment

DAVID K. HENDRICK, JR. SHERIFF

BY: s/s Micki Harvey
(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise: April 1, 2026

Advertise April 22, 2026

IF APPLICABLE, YOU MAY NAME AN APPRAISER TO VALUE THE PROPERTY IN THE ABOVE CAPTION SUIT AND TO NOTIFY THE SHERIFF OF YOUR APPOINTMENT NO LATER THAN TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SALE. SHOULD YOU FAIL TO APPOINT AN APPRAISER, THE SHERIFF SHALL APPOINT AN APPRAISER FOR YOU.

STATE OF LOUISIANA 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PARISH OF CONCORDIA VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE AND APPRAISAL NOTICE

NEWBREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING

VS SUIT NUMBER: 56099

LILLIE BIRDON INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING SPOUSE IN COMMUNITY WITH WILLIE BIRDON

WRIT OF: WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE

By virtue of above WRIT issues from the Honorable 7th Judicial Court in and for the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, in the above-entitled number and cause. and to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale the following described property to-wit:

LOT 7 AND THE WEST 10 FEET OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK 5, UNIT NO. 2 OF WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, FERRIDAY, CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK E-7, PAGE 434, DOCUMENT NO. 71908, OF THE RECORDS OF CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID WESTERLY TEN FEET MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A STRIP OF LAND 10 FEET WIDE LYING BETWEEN EQUAL AND PARALLEL LINES, ONE OF WHICH IS THE BOUNDARY OF THE SAID LOTS 5 AND 7, AND RUNNING FROM THE FRONT TO THE READ OF SAID LOT 5.

DATE OF SALE: **April 8, 2026**

PLACE OF SALE: Second floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, Louisiana

TIME TO SALE: 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: Cash WITH benefit of appraisalment

DAVID K. HEDRICK, JR. SHERIFF

BY: s/s Mickie Harvey
(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise March 11, 2026

Advertise April 1, 2026

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STATE OF LOUISIANA 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PARISH OF CONCORDIA VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

U.S. Bank National Association

vs SUIT NUMBER: 56291

JESSE E. WHITEHEAD

WRIT OF: WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE

By virtue of above WRIT issued from the Honorable 7th Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Concordia, State of Louisiana, in the above-entitled number and cause, and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale the following described property to-wit;

A CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, advantages and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the PARISH OF CONCORDIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, in that part known as VAL ACRES, SECOND DEVELOPMENT, ALL OF LOT NUMBER 131, as shown on map drawn by Richard Logan Engineer, and recorded in Plat, Cab No. 1, Envelope 153 A Document No. 144287, on August 2, 1979, in the records of Concordia

Parish, Louisiana.

Together with all the buildings and improvements thereon including (1) 1999 Buccaneer Clipper Mobile Home, 60x80, bearing Serial Number: AL-BUS3W12982239AB, which manufactured home was immobilized pursuant to La. R.S. 9:11494.4 by Immobilization dated May 9, 2000, and recorded in the official records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana, as Instrument Number: 230931.

DATE OF SALE: **April 29, 2026**

PLACE OF SALE: Second Floor, Concordia Parish Courthouse
Vidalia, LA

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: Cash benefit of appraisalment

DAVID K. HENDRICK, JR. SHERIFF

BY: s/s Micki Harvey
(Deputy Sheriff)

Advertise: April 1, 2026
Advertise: April 22, 2026

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
3/25/26

The City of Vidalia will receive Bids marked "Sealed Bid" for the construction of the project described as follows:

TOWN OF VIDALIA
D.A. BIGLANE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Bids shall be addressed to the Town of Vidalia, and delivered to the Town Hall located at 200 Vernon Stevens Blvd., Vidalia, LA 71373 not later than **10:00 a.m., Local Time, on Thursday, April 23, 2026**, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be designated as "Sealed Bid" – Town of Vidalia – D.A. Biglane Road Reconstruction".

All bids must be submitted on the proper form. The contractor must display their contractor's license number prominently on the outside of the envelope. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered.

Each bona fide bidder **must** be registered with the Engineer and obtain Bid Documents from the Engineer in order to submit a bid. The Bidding documents may be requested by email at bhallyc@bha-engineers.com, or calling (318)757-6576. Contractors are responsible for the reproduction/printing of the Bidding Documents. Contractors desiring to bid shall provide evidence that they hold an active State License of proper classification and in full force and effect. For contractor information, this project is classified as highway, street and bridge construction.

In accordance with RS 38:2212 G(2) plans and specifications shall be available to bidders until twenty-four hours before bid opening date.

The Corporate Resolution must be signed and sealed. The Owner cannot waive any informalities on the bid form. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Bid bonds shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key rating Guide or by an insurance company in good standing licensed to write bid bonds which is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana Residents.

The contractor may withdraw a bid by affidavit within 48 hours of the bid opening in accordance with LA R.S. 38§2214.C, for patently obvious, unintentional, and substantial mechanical, clerical, or mathematical errors. The Bids will remain subject to acceptance for forty-five (45) days after the Bid opening, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.

Any interpretation of the bid documents shall be in writing addressed to [Bryant Hammitt & Associates, L.L.C. at 6885 Hwy. 84 West, Ferriday, LA 71334](mailto:Bryant.Hammitt&Associates.L.L.C.at.6885.Hwy.84.West.Ferriday.LA.71334) or emailed to medwards@bha-engineers.com and to be given consideration must be received at least **ten days prior** to the date fixed for the opening of bids. **No communication after this date.**

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

The successful bidder will be required to execute the Owner's Standard Form of Agreement/Contract for construction together with the Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) working days after issuance of the Notice of Award. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

All awarded contractors will be required to attend a monthly meeting, with mandatory attendance from the Project Engineer, Resident Inspector, and Contractor, or their authorized representatives, at the beginning of the month to review quantities for pay estimates, process change orders, review work performed during the month, and to discuss any problems that may have arisen.

The Owner hereby notifies all offerors that, in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

Buz Craft, Mayor
Town of Vidalia
200 Vernon Stevens Dr.
Vidalia, LA 71373

Concordia Sentinel Publication Dates:
March 25, 2026
April 2, 2026
April 9, 2026 \$36

Town of Jonesville Gas System
Public Awareness Notice

Please read the following gas system safety information.

The Town of Jonesville owns and operates a natural gas distribution system in and around the Town. The gas system consists of an underground network of pipelines throughout the Town and in unincorporated areas adjacent to the Town limits. The purpose of the gas system is to provide a reliable and safe economical source of energy for heating purposes to the homes and businesses adjacent to the underground gas pipelines. The pipeline system has the capacity to reliably deliver natural gas to the customers.

The hazard of natural gas are that it is: odorless, colorless, tasteless, lighter than air and can ignite and/1 explode with tremendous force when mixed with the right amount of air.

Prevention measures taken include:
Adding odorant to the gas to give it that distinctive smell, similar like rotten eggs, to warn us of its presence
Testing the odorant level each calendar quarter
Performing annual gas leakage surveys
Conducting periodic pipeline patrols

The following are signs that may indicate a gas leak:
A hissing or roaring sound (caused by escaping gas)
A patch of dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green setting along a pipeline route
Blowing dirt, grass or leaves near a pipeline
Continuous bubbling in wet, flooded areas
A "gas smell," similar like rotten eggs.

Safety Procedure:
Anyone who may smell this odor in the Town or notice any unusual conditions on or near gas mains, vents, service lines, meter sets, or especially inside of a building should call the Town immediately. If you smell a strong gas odor inside a building, notify everyone in the building to leave. Do not operate any switches or use the phone. Go a safe distance away upwind of the gas smell and call the

Town of Jonesville. With any gas leak protect life first then property, then notify the Town of Jonesville.

Excavator Procedure:
Pipeline markers are maintained to inform the public of the gas line location. State and federal laws require excavators to notify LA One-Call two (2) full working days before digging. If any excavation is planned, you must notify LA One-Call which will notify the Town to locate the gas lines. The Town of Jonesville maintains membership in the LA One-Call program.

Emergency Contact Information:
To obtain additional information or report a gas related issue call the Town of Jonesville at 318-339-8596 (M-F , 8am-4:30 pm) or 318-403-2179 (after hours). The LA One-Call Center phone number is 811.

This information and the pipeline signs are provided as public awareness and damage prevention awareness notices.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

THE TOWN OF VIDALIA WILL OPEN SEALED BIDS AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN ON APRIL 14, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M. AT VIDALIA TOWN HALL, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LA TO PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES:

ONE (1) USED INTERNATIONAL MV 607 DUMP TRUCK WITH 5/6 YD BODY
ONE (1) USED INTERNATIONAL HV 607 DUMP TRUCK WITH 12/14 YD BODY

TERMS OF BIDS MUST BE GUARANTEED TO ACTUAL DELIVERY DATE.

A FULL SET OF NECESSARY SPECIFICATIONS IS AVAILABLE FROM CORNELL LEWIS AT THE VIDALIA UTILITY DEPARTMENT LOCATED AT 501 SYCAMORE STREET, VIDALIA, LA 71373, PHONE 318-336-6257 OR 318-719-2071.

ALL SEALED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ENVELOPES MARKED "**SEALED BID**", ATTENTION: **PIARA WILSON, MUNICIPAL CLERK, 200 VERNON STEVENS BLVD., VIDALIA, LA 71373.**

A DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEM MUST BE ON THE ENVELOPE. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF SEALED BIDS IS TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026 AT 4:00 P.M.

THE TOWN OF VIDALIA HAS THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

PIARA WILSON
MUNICIPAL CLERK

PUBLICATION DATES: MARCH 25, 2026 APRIL 1, 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

4/1 \$30

Concordia Parish
Grand Jury
April 6, 2026
Judge Moses J. Williams

ACKLEY, VICKIE ANN VIDALIA
ALLEN, GENESIA SHAMELLE FERRIDAY
ALLEN, VIRGINIA SUSAN VIDALIA
ANDERSON, JESSICA NICOLE FERRIDAY
ANDERSON JR, SYLVESTER FERRIDAY
ARTHUR, BRANNON RAY FERRIDAY
ASWELL, MIA MIKEL JONESVILLE
BANKS SR, JAMES WILLIAM FERRIDAY
BANKS, LARRY FERRIDAY
BARNES, ROBBIE LYNN VIDALIA
BARNES, VERA LEE FERRIDAY
BEAMER, JENNIFER ANN H FERRIDAY
BELLANGER, ALTON JARRAD FERRIDAY
BELLANGER, ALYSSA RENEE FERRIDAY
BENEDETTI, JESSE G VIDALIA
BEVERLY, BRENDA KAY VIDALIA
BOLYER, SARA SHERMAN VIDALIA
BOOK, WAYLON CARL MONTEREY
BREWER, TIFFANY MARIE VIDALIA
BROCATO, JOHN CHARLES VIDALIA
BROOKING, CECIL FERRIDAY
BROUSSARD, VICKI L FERRIDAY
BROWN, ANDREW THOMAS VIDALIA
BROWN, ANTHONY KEITH FERRIDAY
BROWN, CARLOS ANTONIO CLAYTON
BROWN, CAROLYN SUE VIDALIA
BROWN, CHASSITY LATOYA VIDALIA
BROWN, CONNIE TRISLER FERRIDAY
BROWN, PYPYER VICTORIA VIDALIA
BROWNELL, CLIFTON JAMES VIDALIA
BROWNING, STEPHEN ANDREW MONTEREY
BURLEY, HANNAH MCKENZIE VIDALIA
BURNS, RAMI RENEE VIDALIA
BUTLER, AQUANETTA M VIDALIA
BUTLER, RAVEN FERRIDAY
CALDWELL JR, AUBREY A FERRIDAY
CALHOUN, SARAH WISNER VIDALIA
CAMPBELL, DONELL FERRIDAY
CAVAZOS, CHEYENNE MONIQUE VIDALIA
CHANDLER, SHIRLEY JAMISON FERRIDAY
CHATMAN, CATHERINE HAUER VIDALIA
CHATMAN, ROWAN LEDALE FERRIDAY
CLARK, XAVIER FERRIDAY
COCO, GENEVA S MONTEREY
COKE, DEBRA PERRITT JONESVILLE
COLDIRON, TUCKER REUBEN MONTEREY
COLLIER, DEBRA ROXANNE FERRIDAY
COMEAX, CYNDA ANNETTE CLAYTON
CURRY, AUDREY STEPHANIE VIDALIA
CURTIS, CALVIN DONNELL VIDALIA
DALLALIO, KIMBERLY LYNN R MONTEREY
DANIO, DEZARAE C VIDALIA
DAVIS, GLENDA FAYE FERRIDAY
DAVIS, KALE JAMALE VIDALIA
DEES, JOHN ERNEST FERRIDAY
DIXON, CASSIDY LAVERNE FERRIDAY
DOBSON, TYME BEYUNDUS FERRIDAY
DODGE, HARIKLIA ATHENA ROSE MONTEREY
DOMANGUE, CONNOR MITCHELL MONTEREY
DORAN, LARONDA PITTMAN FERRIDAY
DOWELL, MELINDA H VIDALIA
ELMORE, RONNIE J VIDALIA
EMERY, WALTER R FERRIDAY
EVANS, LATOYA VETTE FERRIDAY
FORBESS, CLARENCE EDWARD VIDALIA

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Constitutional Amendments

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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 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 and the amount of proceeds credited to and deposited into the Health Excellence Fund as provided by Subsubparagraph (A)(2)(c) 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) For Fiscal Year 2012-2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, 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) Further, for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, and each fiscal year thereafter, 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.

§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".

(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.

§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:

Table with 2 columns: Classifications and Percentages. Rows include Land (10%), Improvements for residential purposes (10%), Electric cooperative properties (15%), Public service properties (25%), Business inventory (15%), and Other Property (15%).

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

§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:

(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.

(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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