

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 200

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

LOCAL AGENCIES. Constitutional Amendment to require a minimum turnout of 20% of voters to approve a political subdivision or special district proposition to incur or assume debt, issue bonds, or levy a tax. (2/3 - CA13s1(A)) (1/1/15)

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to enact Article VI, Section 30(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to certain elections; to require that the total number of persons voting in certain elections shall constitute not less than a certain percentage of the number of voters in order for the proposition to be approved; 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 add Article VI, Section 30(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§30. Political Subdivisions; Taxing Power

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(C) Whenever a proposition to incur or assume debt, issue bonds, or levy a tax is required by this Article or other law to be approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, in order for the proposition to be considered approved, the total number of persons voting in such an election shall constitute not less than twenty percent of the number of voters on the official or active list of

1 **voters on all the precinct registers and any supplements thereto for all the**
 2 **precincts in which the election is held.**

3 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 4 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
 5 2014.

6 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall become
 7 effective on January 1, 2015.

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

12 Do you support an amendment to require the total number of persons voting
 13 in an election to approve propositions to incur or assume debt, issue bonds,
 14 or levy taxes by political subdivisions or special districts to be not less than
 15 twenty percent of the number of voters on the official or active registration
 16 list of voters in order for the proposition to be considered approved?

17 (Adds Article VI, Section 30(C))

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Riley Boudreaux.

DIGEST

Allain (SB 200)

Present Constitution (Article VI) requires certain propositions to incur or assume debt, issue bonds, or levy taxes by political subdivisions or special districts to be approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires the total number of persons voting in an election to approve such propositions under Article VI or other law to constitute not less than 20% of the number of voters on the official or active list of voters on all the precinct registers and any supplements thereto for all the precincts in which the election is held.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on Nov. 4, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2015.

(Adds Const. Art. VI, Sec. 30(C))