

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 285

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REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

FUNDS/FUNDING. Constitutional amendment to provide for the inclusion of municipally employed EMS practitioners in the list of those eligible for state supplemental pay.
(2/3-CA13s1(A))

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 10(A)(1)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state and city civil service commission rules; to authorize supplemental pay for certain sworn, commissioned, municipally employed EMS practitioners from any available funds; 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 10(A)(1)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§10. Rules; Investigations; Wages and Hours

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

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(b) Nothing herein shall prevent the legislature from supplementing the uniform pay plans for sworn, commissioned law enforcement officers employed by a bona fide police agency of the state or its political subdivisions, **EMS practitioners employed by a municipality**, and for fire protection officers

1 employed by a port authority, from any available funds of the state, the department,
 2 the agency, or the political subdivision, provided that such supplement may be made
 3 available only for those sworn, commissioned law enforcement officers employed
 4 on a full-time basis who serve the welfare of the public in the capacity of a police
 5 officer by providing police services to the general public, by effecting arrests, issuing
 6 citations, and serving warrants while patrolling levees, bridges, waterways, and
 7 riverfront areas, **EMS practitioners employed on a full-time basis**, and for those
 8 fire protection officers employed on a full-time basis who provide fire protection
 9 services to a port authority.

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11 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 12 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
 13 2014.

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

18 Do you support an amendment to authorize the legislature to supplement the
 19 uniform pay plans of EMS practitioners employed by a municipality from
 20 any available funds of the state, the department, the agency, or the political
 21 subdivision, provided that such supplement may be made available only for
 22 those EMS practitioners employed on a full-time basis?

23 (Amends Article X, Section 10(A)(1)(b))

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

DIGEST

Morrell (SB 285)

Present constitution authorizes the legislature to supplement the uniform pay plans for sworn, commissioned law enforcement officers employed by a bona fide police agency of the state or its political subdivisions, from any available funds of the state, the department, the agency, or the political subdivision, provided that such supplement may be made available only for those law enforcement officers employed on a full-time basis by such

police agency of the state or its political subdivisions and who serve the welfare of the public in the capacity of a police officer by providing police services to the general public, by effecting arrests, issuing citations, and serving warrants while patrolling levees, bridges, waterways, and riverfront areas.

Present constitution additionally authorizes the legislature to supplement the uniform pay plans for fire protection officers employed by a port authority from any available funds of the state, the department, the agency, or the political subdivision, provided that such supplement may be made available only for those fire protection officers employed on a full-time basis who provide fire protection services to a port authority.

Proposed constitutional amendment additionally authorizes the legislature to supplement the uniform pay plans for EMS practitioners employed by municipalities from any available funds of the state, the department, the agency, or the political subdivision, provided that such supplement may be made available only for those EMS practitioners employed on a full-time basis.

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

(Amends Const. Art. X, Sec.10(A)(1)(b))