

- (i) One representative of the La. State Law Institute appointed by the La. State Law Institute.
 - (j) One member appointed with the concurrence of the La. District Judges Association and the Conference of Court of Appeal Judges.
 - (k) One member appointed by the chief justice of the La. Supreme Court.
 - (l) Four members of the La. House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (m) Four members of the La. Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.
 - (n) Four members appointed by the governor.
 - (o) One representative of the Louisiana Tax Institute appointed by the board of the Louisiana Tax Institute.
- (3) Requires that delegates be qualified electors of the state and that elected delegates be residents of the district from which elected. Excludes delegates and staff of the convention from dual employment/dual officeholding laws. The delegates and staff are subject to the code of ethics, public bribery laws, and, in the case of elected delegates and candidates for delegate, the campaign finance laws. Attorney delegates are entitled to continuance of cases in which they are counsel of record while attending sessions and convention work.
- (4) Provides that the election for delegates shall be held at the primary election on November 6, 2018, and if a general election is necessary, on December 8, 2018. Candidates qualify without regard to party affiliation. Election is to be in accordance with provisions for election of candidates for public office in the La. Election Code.
- (5) Provides for conduct of the elections in accordance with the election code, except for any conflicts with the proposed law. Voters vote without regard to party affiliation. Provides for application of state law to tabulation of votes in delegates' election. Provides for election costs to be paid as provided by the La. Election Code as in the case of elections for the state legislature.
- (6) Provides for filling of vacancies in elected delegates' offices by joint appointment by the governor, the speaker of the House, and the president of the Senate of a qualified person from the same district. Provides for filling other vacancies in the same manner as the original selection within 30 days of vacancy.

Proposed law grants to the convention the authority to frame a new state constitution, including such alternative provisions as it deems appropriate.

Prohibits the convention from proposing substantive changes whereby:

- (1) The bonded or other indebtedness of the state or of any parish, municipality, district, or other political subdivision or authority of the state would be impaired.
- (2) The term of office of members of the legislature or of any other elected or of any appointed official of the state or of any political subdivision thereof would be reduced or shortened prior to the expiration of the term of office being held at the time of the adoption of the new constitution, or the salary of any such official would be reduced prior to the expiration of the term of office being held at the time of the adoption of a new constitution.
- (3) The state capital is removed or could be removed from Baton Rouge.

Proposed law provides for convention organization:

- (1) Includes provisions for oath for delegates; adoption of rules; election of chairman, vice chairman, chief clerical officer, and other officers deemed necessary by the convention; and election of an executive committee which shall include all of the elected officers of the convention; and other actions necessary to organize.
- (2) Provides for House and Senate staff designated by the presiding officers of the legislature, prior to the convention, to prepare rules of procedure for adoption by the convention, based on the 1973 convention rules, such rules to be subject to change and adoption by the convention. Prohibits proxy voting. Limits committee membership to 17 members.

Proposed law provides for the initial meeting of the convention on January 7, 2019. Provides that after organizational activities are completed, the convention may meet either as a full body or in committees until it completes its duties.

Proposed law provides for convention staff, budget, committees, meeting site, and other assistance:

- (1) Requires the executive committee to employ a research director, research and clerical staff, and other employees deemed necessary. Specifies certain staff membership. Provides for soliciting staff applications. Provides for executive committee to set staff compensation.
- (2) Provides that staff may include but not be limited to a research director, research assistants, personnel provided by the four law schools from the faculty as requested by the committee, and such other staff as deemed necessary by the executive committee. Requires the secretary of state, prior to the first meeting of the convention, to advertise and receive applications for staff service and present those applications to the executive committee on the day the convention convenes.
- (3) Requires the executive committee to prepare a budget of anticipated expenses of the convention, based on the amount of the appropriation for the convention and any other funds available for expenditure.
- (4) Authorizes the executive committee to establish any substantive or procedural committees

it deems necessary. Provides that the chairman of the convention appoint the chairman, vice chairman, and membership of each such committee.

- (5) Requires that the House Chamber and the legislative committee rooms in the state capitol be available for convention use, unless the legislature is in session. Authorizes the convention to meet elsewhere in Baton Rouge as determined by the chairman when state capitol facilities are not available or are insufficient.
- (6) Authorizes convention use of facilities and services of state departments and agencies and of political subdivisions and requires their cooperation in furnishing services, facilities, and employees. Authorizes the convention to accept grants, facilities, and services from public and private sources, with such to be recorded in convention records which shall be open for inspection.

Proposed law requires that the legislature make adequate appropriations to the convention for the payment of the necessary expenses of the convention such as per diem, salaries, and expenses of employees, supplies, materials, equipment, and printing for so long as the convention remains in existence and for so long thereafter as is necessary to pay the expenses of the convention. Provides that the convention is not a state budget unit. Specifies that the convention is subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

Proposed law requires that funds appropriated be withdrawn from the state treasury in accordance with warrants signed by the convention chairman and that checks be signed by the chairman and vice chairman, or the chairman or vice chairman and such other person as designated by the convention.

Proposed law provides that the final draft of a proposed constitution be completed not later than April 5, 2019. Requires the convention, upon completion of its work and subject to the subject matter limitations on the convention, to submit to the governor the proposed constitution and any alternative provisions agreed upon no later than April 19, 2019. Provides that the constitution and any alternative provisions proposed for submission shall be submitted to the people for their adoption or rejection at a special election. Provides for the convention to determine the manner for submission of alternative proposals. Requires the governor to call the election within 15 days after the draft is submitted, to be held at the same time as the gubernatorial election in 2019 (Oct. 12, 2019). Provides for the election to be held and the results thereof promulgated in accordance with the La. Election Code and for costs to be paid as provided in the election code for elections in which a constitutional amendment appears on the ballot. Voters are allowed to vote without regard to party affiliation. Requires a majority vote to approve the constitution and any alternative proposals.

Proposed law requires, upon promulgation of the results of the election by the secretary of state if the constitution is ratified and adopted by the people, that the governor proclaim the constitution, including alternative provisions adopted, to be the Constitution of La. Provides that the constitution and any such alternative provisions adopted shall become effective at midnight on December 31, 2019, except as otherwise provided in the constitution or in any alternative provisions adopted.

Proposed law provides that if any provision or application of proposed law which authorizes the

convention to consider only certain subject matters and certain provisions of the constitution and prohibits the convention from considering other subject matters and provisions is held invalid then this entire proposed law shall be invalid and of no effect. Specifies, however, that if any other provision of proposed law or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this proposed law which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.