

1 (A) of this Section, or for any other purpose related to its authorized powers and
2 functions as specified by law, the tax may be increased. However, the necessity and
3 the rate of the increase shall be submitted to the electors of the district, and the tax
4 increase shall take effect only if approved by a majority of the electors voting
5 thereon in an election held for that purpose.

6 ~~(C) Districts Created After January 1, 2006. For any purpose set forth in~~
7 ~~Paragraph (A) of this Section, the governing authority of a levee district created after~~
8 ~~January 1, 2006, may annually levy a tax on all property not exempt from taxation~~
9 ~~situated within the alluvial portions of the district subject to overflow. However,~~
10 ~~such a district shall not levy such a tax nor increase the rate of such a tax unless the~~
11 ~~levy or the increase is approved by a majority of the electors of the district who vote~~
12 ~~in an election held for that purpose. If the district is comprised of territory in more~~
13 ~~than one parish, approval by a majority of the electors who vote in each parish~~
14 ~~comprising the district is also required for any such levy or increase.~~

15 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
16 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 14,
17 2017.

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

22 Do you support an amendment that authorizes any levee district created after
23 January 1, 2006, to levy annually a tax not to exceed five mills on taxable
24 property situated in the district? (Effective January 1, 2018) (Amends Article
25 VI, Section 39)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes levee districts created after January 1, 2006, to levy up to a five-mill tax without a vote of the people.

Present constitution authorizes levee districts created prior to Jan. 1, 2006, to levy a property tax of up to five mills, except that the Orleans Levee District may only levy up to a two and one-half mill tax.

Present constitution authorizes levee districts created after Jan. 1, 2006, to levy a property tax only if approved by a majority of electors of the district. Further, present constitution requires that if the district is comprised of more than one parish, the tax must be approved by a majority of electors in each parish.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes present constitution by authorizing any levee district created after Jan. 1, 2006, to levy a property tax of up to five mills without a vote of the people just as those districts created prior to Jan. 1, 2006, are authorized to do in the present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on Oct. 14, 2017.

(Amends Const. Art. VI, §39)