

House Bill No. 16—

By Mr. Hood:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section One (1) of Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana by modifying the age limit of children entering the public schools of the State.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, That at the next election for Representatives in Congress to be held throughout the State in November, 1932, there shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection, in the manner provided by the Constitution and general election laws of the State, a proposition to amend Section One (1) of Article XII of the Constitution of 1921, so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. The educational system of the State shall consist of all free public schools, and all institutions of learning, supported in whole or in part by appropriation of public funds. Separate free public schools shall be maintained for the education of white and colored children between the ages of six and eighteen years; provided, that children attaining the age of six years after the beginning of any public school term may not enter until the beginning of a subsequent promotion period as fixed in the school; and provided, further, kindergartens may be authorized for children between the ages of four and six years."

Section 2. Be it further resolved, That there shall be printed upon the official ballot to be used at said election the words "For the proposed amendment to Section One (1) of Article XII of the Constitution of 1921" and the words "Against the proposed amendment to Section One (1) of Article XII of the Constitution of 1921", and each elector shall indicate his vote on the proposed amendment, as provided by the general election laws of the State of Louisiana.

Read second time in full.

Returned to the Calendar.

House Bill No. 17—

By Mr. Hood:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 14, paragraph (f), of Article XIV of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to special elections on a proposition to impose and collect an acreage tax or forced contribution in gravity drainage and gravity sub-drainage districts.

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Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, that at the next election for Representatives for Congress to be held in November, 1932, there shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection, in the manner provided by the Constitution and general election laws of the State, a proposition to amend Section Fourteen (14), paragraph (f) of Article XIV of the Constitution of 1921, so as to read as follows:

"Article XIV, Section 14 (f). No debt shall be incurred and bonds issued therefor by any subdivision hereunder for any one of the purposes herein provided, which, including the existing bonded debt of such subdivision for such purpose, excepting bonds issued and secured by an acreage tax, and bonds issued under Section 14 (e) hereof, shall exceed in the aggregate ten per centum of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of such subdivision, to be ascertained by the last assessment for parish, municipal or local purposes previous to incurring such indebtedness.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting the Legislature from authorizing gravity drainage and gravity subdrainage districts to impose and collect an acreage tax, or forced contribution, not exceeding fifty cents (50c) per acre per year for a period not exceeding forty (40) years, and, when authorized by a vote of a majority in number of acres and in number of land owners qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, who vote at such election held for that purpose, the governing authority may incur debt and issue negotiable bonds therefor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 (h) hereof, secured by the said forced contribution tax; provided that the total amount of debt incurred or bonds issued shall not exceed, in principal and interest, the aggregate amount to be raised by said forced contribution or acreage taxes during the period for which the same is levied."

Section 2. Be it further resolved, That there shall be printed upon the official ballot to be used at said election the words "For the proposed amendment to Section 14, paragraph (f) of Article XIV of the Constitution of 1921", and the words "Against the proposed amendment to Section 14, paragraph (f) of Article XIV of the Constitution of 1921." and each elector shall indicate his vote on the proposed amendment, as provided by the

Monday, June 13, 1932.