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amended by Act No. 128 of the General Assembly of the
State of Louisiana, for the year 1898, entitled an Act to
amend and re-enact Act No. 103, approved March 17, 1895,
entitled "An Act Founding a Soldiers' Home for Louisi-
ana," and making an appropriation therefor, payable out
of the revenues of the years 1883 and 1884.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State
of Louisiana, That Section 2 of Act No. 62 of 1882, as amended
by Act No. 128 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisi-
ana, for the year 1898, be amended and re-enacted so as to read
as follows:

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That a Board of Man-
gers, under the name and style of the Board of Directors of the
Soldiers' Home of the State of Louisiana for the proper direction
of the affairs of the said institution, is hereby created to be com-
posed of fifteen (15) members, i. e., five (5) to be selected from
their number by the Benevolent Association of the Army of
Tennessee; five (5) to be selected from their number by the
Benevolent Association of the Army of Northern Virginia, and
five (5) persons to be selected by the Governor, the members of
which said Board of Directors shall serve for a term of four
years. The said Board of Directors shall be commissioned by the
Governor, and shall elect one from among themselves as presi-
dent, and in the absence of the president they may choose one
from among themselves to act as president pro tem. A majority
of the members shall constitute a quorum to do business. They
shall meet once every month and as much oftener as the president
may deem necessary.

R. F. WALKER,
Speaker of the House of Representa-
HEWITT BOUANCHAUD,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: July 8, 1920.

JNO. M. PARKER,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JAMES J. BAILEY,
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 180.

House Bill No. 369. By Mr. Chapp.

AN ACT

Providing for the submission to the people of a proposition to
hold a convention at a designated time and place for the
purpose of framing and putting into effect a new constitu-
tion; providing for the holding of such a convention in the
event a majority of the votes cast at the election at which
said proposition is submitted, be in favor thereof; to fix the
powers of said convention; to prescribe the qualifications
and compensation of delegates; and for the election of, dele-
gates from the several districts of the State of Louisiana
and for other purposes.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State
of Louisiana, That the delegates to the constitutional con-
vention, to be held in accordance with law, shall be

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And the delegates from the several districts of the State of
Louisiana, to be held in accordance with law, shall be

(13th), 1920, at which the binding vote shall be

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JAMES J. BAILEY,
Secretary of State.
Act No. 128 of the General Assembly of Louisiana, for the year 1898, entitled an Act to enact Act No. 103, approved March 17, 1870, Act Founding a Soldiers' Home for Louisiana, making appropriation therefor, payable out of the revenues of the years 1883 and 1884, as further enacted, etc., That a Board of Managers and style of the Board of Directors of the State of Louisiana for the proper direction of the said institution, hereby created to be composed of five (5) members, i.e., five (5) to be selected from the Benevolent Association of the Army of the United States, to be selected from their number by the Board of Directors; and one (1) to be selected from their number by the Board of Directors; and one (1) to be selected by the Governor, the members of the Board of Directors to serve for a term of three years, and each Director shall be selected by the Governor, shall serve for a term of three years, and each Director shall be subject to the call of the Governor; and the Director shall constitute a quorum to do business. The Secretary of State shall, at the direction of the Governor, issue the call for the Annual Meeting of Directors to be held on Tuesday, the first (1st) day of March, 1921.

R. F. WALKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

HEWITT BOUONAICARDI,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

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Governor of the State of Louisiana.

ACT No. 180.

AN ACT providing for the nomination and election of delegates thereto; and to provide penalties for fraudulent voting or false or fraudulent returns on said election or in any primary election held for the nomination of delegates thereto.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That there shall be submitted to the duly qualified voters of the State, at an election to be held on Tuesday, the second (2nd) day of November, 1920, for their approval or rejection, a proposition to hold a convention for the purpose of framing and putting into effect a new constitution for the State of Louisiana, upon the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

(1) The said convention shall convene in the City of Baton Rouge on Tuesday, the first (1st) day of March, 1921.

(2) The said convention shall consist and be composed of one hundred and forty six (146) delegates, one hundred and eighteen (118) of whom shall be elected from the respective parishes and representative districts as now provided for representation in the House of Representatives, and sixteen (16) of whom shall be elected, two from each Congressional District, and twelve (12) of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, each of such delegates shall possess the qualifications prescribed for membership in the House of Representatives.

(3) The delegates from the several Congressional Districts shall be nominated by the various political parties at District Conventions to be held on the sixteenth (16th) day of November, 1920, which conventions shall be composed of delegates elected from the various parishes and representative districts included in each Congressional District at a primary election, which is hereby authorized and ordered to be held on the second (2nd) day of November, 1920, in which conventions the various parishes and representative districts shall be entitled to such representation as may be ordered and fixed by the State Central Committee of the party holding such conventions; and each District Convention shall nominate two (2) candidates for membership in the Constitutional Convention.

And the delegates from the respective parishes and representative districts shall be nominated by the various political parties of this State at the primary election herein provided to be held on November second (2nd), 1920, candidacies for seats in which convention may be declared up to October thirteenth (13th), 1920, at which primary election candidates receiving a plurality vote shall be declared the nominees of the party in whose primary they were legally qualified contestants, the returns and results of which primary election shall be made in accordance with law to the party committee, or authority having legal supervision thereof, and by such authorities duly announced and certified to the Secretary of State.
(4) The said Convention shall have full power to frame and adopt without submission to the people a new constitution for the State; provided, however, that the said convention shall be and is hereby prohibited from enacting, ordaining or enjoining any article or provision whereby:

(a) The bonded or other indebtedness of the State, or of any parochial, municipal, levee district, or other political subdivision thereof, shall be affected;

(b) The terms of office of the General Assembly or any of the present State, district, parochial, or municipal officers, whether elected or appointed; the terms of office of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and Judges of the Courts of Appeal, the District Judges, and district attorneys throughout the State, or the municipal officers of the city of New Orleans, shall be reduced or shortened, or the salaries thereof reduced prior to the expiration of the term of office which they may be holding at the time of the adoption of a new constitution; provided, that retention in office beyond the date of any General Election in 1924 shall depend upon the provisions of such constitution.

(c) The State Capital may be removed from Baton Rouge.

Proposition to be submitted.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That said election, except as may be herein specifically directed, shall be held under and the results published and proclaimed in accordance with the then existing election laws of the State; all duly qualified electors under the then existing laws, shall be entitled to vote at the said election in their respective election precincts; that all electors in favor of such proposition, shall vote "For a constitutional convention in accordance with Act No. —, of 1920"; all opposed to such proposition, shall vote "Against a constitutional convention in accordance with Act No. —, of 1920".

Section 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That a special election to be held on December 14, 1920, in favor of the holding of a constitutional convention, then, and in that event, there shall be held on the fourteenth day of December, 1920, a special election for the election of delegates to such conventions, which election shall be called by proclamation of the Governor and shall otherwise be held and conducted and the results thereof proclaimed in accordance with the election laws of the State.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the delegates chosen as herein provided shall meet in convention in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at the State Capitol, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday the first (1st) day of March, 1921, that the Chief Justice, or, in his absence, any Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, shall attend the said convention at the opening thereof and shall preside until a presiding officer shall have been elected, but he shall have no vote therein; that the Secretary of State shall a and call the roll of the delegates, Chief Justice, or presiding officer, shall administer to each delegate the oath of allegiance to the United States, that I will perform all my duties as a member of the General Assembly, and obey the limitations of power herein provided; that no delegate shall be qualified to vote at the said Convention unless he shall have taken the said oath; and that the Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the permanent organization as may be necessary.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That said convention shall receive ten (10) cents a day for each delegate, and any delegate may be paid for more than one delegate for the holding of the said Convention.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That no delegate shall vote for the holding of the election of delegates theretofore provided; that the return of the legal vote cast for any candidate for any office, at the Convention, shall be made on the proposition submitted to the people, and such delegate shall be subject to be punished by a fine of not less than $100 nor more than $500, or imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than one year, or both. The delegate to be punished as provided in the General Assembly.

Section 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Secretary of State shall make proclamation and conduct the Convention of the delegates as hereinbefore provided.

Section 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the delegates to the Convention shall be elected and chosen as hereinbefore provided.

Speaker.
The Convention shall have full power to frame and ordain a new constitution for the State, but no amendment, however, that the said constitution shall be prohibited from enacting, ordaining or establishing any provision whereby:

1. the bonded or other indebtedness of the State, or of any city, town, county, school district, levee district, or other political subdivision or public authority, be increased;

2. the salaries of the officers of the General Assembly or any of the executive, legislative, or judicial officers, be diminished; or the salaries or the number of the members of the Supreme Court and Judges of the Circuit Courts be increased or diminished; or the District Judges be increased or diminished;

3. the District Judges, and district attorney, or the elected or municipal officers of the State, or of any city, or other political subdivision or public authority, be affected;

4. the terms of office of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or of any of the judges of the Supreme Court, or of any of the Circuit Judges, be increased or diminished;

5. the Constitution or laws of the United States be altered or amended.

The Constitution shall be submitted to the people of the State in such manner as the citizens shall be entitled to vote for or against the same at the usual places of voting in the several counties of the State, and each person voting thereon shall be deemed entitled to vote in the county where he resides.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the delegates to said convention shall receive fifteen ($15.00) dollars per diem, and ten ($10.00) cents a mile going to and returning from the place at which the convention shall sit; provided, that no delegate shall draw per diem for more than seventy-five (75) days, or be paid for more than three actual returns home during the convention.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That at the election providing for the holding of a constitutional convention and the election of delegates thereto, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners and Clerks of Election to correctly tabulate and to make return of the legal vote cast thereon the same as in case of any candidate for any office, and any person violating the provisions of this section by making false, fictitious or fraudulent returns on the proposition submitted, or on the election of delegates to the said convention, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars, nor more than Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars, and imprisonment in the parish prison for not less than six (6) months, nor more than one (1) year; and any fraudulent vote by any voter shall subject said voter to prosecution and punishment as provided in the General Election Laws of the State.

Section 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That, where this Act shall be in effect, the elections and primary elections authorized hereunder, shall in all respects be conducted and governed by the existing laws of the State, including offenses, prosecutions, penalties and punishment.

Section 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Governor shall make proclamation and give notice of the election to be held under this Act at least thirty (30) days before the date of said election as hereinbefore fixed.

R. F. WALKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
HEWITT BOUANCHAUD,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved: July 8, 1920.

JNO. M. PARKER,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
JAMES J. BAILEY,
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 181.

House Bill No. 358.

AN ACT

To amend and re-enact Sections Two (2), Three (3), Nine (9), Thirteen (13), Fifteen (15), Seventeen (17) and Nineteen (19) of Act 193 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1918, entitled: "An act to define the practice of Optometry; to regulate the practice thereof; to create a State Board of Optometrists; to provide for the powers and duties of the said Board, the composition thereof, and the method of appointment of members thereof; and filling vacancies accruing thereon; to regulate the revenues and expenditure of said Board and the fees and emoluments of the members and employees thereof; to provide for the fees to be paid by applicants for examination, an annual license fee to be paid by all registered optometrists; to provide for examinations to be held by the said Board of applicants for certificates and the character of the said examinations; and the issuance by the said Board of certificates, to provide for the extension or forfeiture of said certificates in certain cases; to prevent the practice of Optometry by unauthorized persons, and to provide for the punishment of violators of any or all of the provisions of the Act by fine or imprisonment, or both; to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict with or inconsistent with this Act."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, that Section Two (2) of Act 193 of the Acts of the General Assembly for the State of Louisiana for the year 1918 be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc: That a State Board of Optometrists is hereby created, which shall be known as the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners. The Board shall consist of five members who shall have practiced optometry in this State for seven years to be appointed by the Governor of the Said Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners, and State Board of Optometrists shall constitute the first member of the said Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners and shall remain in office during the terms for which they were originally appointed.

Creating a State Board of Optometrists: their terms, etc.