

**Proposed By Initiative Petition.
Proposed Constitutional Amendment
No. 13.**

Amending Section 1 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, 1874, and providing that incorporated towns of one thousand or more population, as shown by the next preceding Federal census, or by census taken for that purpose by the municipal authorities of said town, and cities of the first and second class may issue, by and with the consent of a majority of the qualified electors of said municipality voting on the question at an election held for that purpose, bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness, and providing the means and manner of payment of said bonds.

FOR AMENDMENT NO. 13.

AGAINST AMENDMENT NO. 13.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Arkansas:

That Section 1 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas be amended to read as follows:

Article 16, Section 1. Neither the State nor any city, county, town or other municipality in this State shall ever lend its credit for any purpose whatever; nor shall any county, city, town or municipality ever issue any interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness, except such bonds as may be authorized by law to provide for and secure the payment of the indebtedness existing at the time of the adoption of the Constitution of 1874, and the State shall never issue any interest-bearing treasury warrants or scrip.

Provided, that incorporated towns of 1000 or more population, as shown by the next preceding federal census, or by census taken for that purpose by the municipal authorities of said towns and cities of the first and second class, may issue, by and with the consent of a majority of the qualified electors of said municipality voting on the question at an election held for the purpose, bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness in sums and for the purposes approved by such majority at such election, as follows, to-wit:

For the funding or refunding of any existing indebtedness incurred prior to the adoption of this amendment; for the acquisition of rights of way for and construction of public highways, streets, alleys or boulevards within the corporate limits of such municipality; for the purchase, development and improvement of parks, located either within or without the corporate limits of such municipality; for the construction of sewers; for the purchase of sites for, or for the purchase or construction of, city or town halls, auditoriums, prisons, libraries, hospitals, viaducts, bridges, or buildings for housing fire fighting apparatus; and for the purpose of acquiring, purchasing, extending, improving, enlarging, building or constructing of water works, or light and heat plants. As additional security in providing water works or light and heat plants for cities and towns, a mortgage or other lien may be given by such municipalities on such water works or light and heat plants and the income thereof, and the franchise and other property connected therewith.

No bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness issued under the authority of this amendment shall bear a greater rate of interest than six per cent per annum, payable either annually or semi-annually, and bonds issued by cities of the first class shall not be sold on a basis of more than five per cent; that is to say, the cost to the municipality for interest and discount on each issue of bonds shall not exceed 5 per cent per annum, and bonds issued by cities of the second class and incorporated towns shall not be sold on a basis of more than six per cent, and no bonds issued under the authority of this amendment shall ever be sold, except at public sale after twenty days advertisement in some newspaper

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having a bona fide circulation in the municipality issuing said bonds.

In order to provide for the payment of the bonds and other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness issued under the provisions of this amendment, and interest thereon, a special tax, not to exceed five mills on the dollar, in addition to the rate now permitted, may be levied by municipalities on the taxable property therein; and any municipality issuing any bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness shall, before or at the time of doing so, levy a direct tax payable annually not exceeding the amount limited as above, sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness as the same matures, and also sufficient to pay and discharge the principal of all such bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness at their respective maturities; provided, that the above limitation of the rate of taxation shall not apply to bonds issued by any municipality for the purpose of acquiring, purchasing, extending, improving, enlarging, building or constructing water works and light and heat plants, but the levy of the special tax of five mills authorized by this amendment having been exhausted or the balance unlevied being insufficient to pay interest on and retire the proposed bonds, said municipality, for the purpose of paying the principal and interest of such water works and light and heat plant bonds, may, so far as required, levy and collect a special tax, in addition to the rate allowed by this amendment, of not to exceed five mills on the dollar; provided also, that, as a further and additional limitation upon both the issuance of bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness and the levy of a special tax to pay interest thereon and retire the same at their respective maturities, no municipality shall have the power to make an issue of bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness, if said proposed issue itself, or together with all previous issues of bonds and other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness then outstanding by such municipality, shall aggregate as to a city of the first class more in amount than five per cent (5%) of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the municipality proposing to issue the same, according to the last general assessment next preceding said proposed issue of bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness.

Said bonds and other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness shall be serial, maturing annually after three years from date of issue, and shall be paid off as they mature, and no bonds for the acquisition of rights of way for and the construction of public highways, streets, alleys or boulevards issued under the authority of this amendment shall be issued for a longer period than fifteen years, and no other bonds shall be issued for a longer period than thirty-five

years.

No municipality shall ever grant financial aid toward the construction of railroads or other private enterprises operated by any person, firm or corporation, and no money raised under the provisions of this amendment by taxation or by sale of bonds for a specific purpose shall ever be used for any other or different purpose.

For each separate issue of bonds, as proposed by any municipality, under the terms of this amendment, there shall be chosen three citizens as tax-payers' commissioners. These commissioners shall not be otherwise connected with the administration of the affairs of said municipality, and shall be chosen by the City Council or other governing body at the time of the passage of the ordinance calling an election for the purpose of voting upon said particular issue of bonds. The advertisement of such election shall state the names of the proposed commissioners for the information of the public.

The taxpayers' commissioners' duties shall be to act in conjunction with the Mayor or any Board or Committee, now or hereafter provided by law, the same as if provision had originally been made for such Commissioners, and said tax-payers' commissioners, together with said Mayor or Board or Committee, shall jointly exercise supervision over the sale of any bonds which may be voted by the people at such election, and shall jointly see to it that funds thus provided are properly and economically expended for the purpose specified in the issue of bonds as voted by the people, and to that end shall jointly make all contracts for the expenditure of the proceeds of the sale of each issue of bonds.

Said election shall be held at such time as the city or town council may designate by ordinance, which ordinance shall specifically state the purpose for which the bonds or other interest-bearing evidences of indebtedness are to be issued, and if for more than one purpose, provision shall be made in said ordinance for balloting on each separate purpose; which ordinance shall also state the sum total of the issue, the dates of maturity thereof, and shall fix the date of the election so that it shall not occur earlier than sixty (60) days after the passage of said ordinance. Said election shall be held and conducted, and the vote thereon canvassed and the result thereof declared, under the law and in the manner now or hereafter provided for municipal elections, so far as the same may be applicable, except as herein otherwise provided. Notice of said election shall be given by the Mayor by advertisements weekly for at least four times, in some newspaper published in said municipality, and having a bona fide circulation therein; the last publication to be not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of said election. Qualified electors of said municipality only shall have a right to vote at said elections. The result of said election shall be proclaimed and published by the Mayor,

and the result as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty (30) days after the date of such proclamation.

This amendment shall not repeal or affect any law relating to the organization of improvement districts.

This amendment shall be in force upon its adoption, and shall not require legislative action to put it into force and effect.

All the provisions of this amendment shall be treated as mandatory, and all provisions of the Constitution or amendments thereto in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Each elector may vote for or against the above amendment.

Witness my official signature this 24th day of July, 1918.

[Seal] TOM J. TERRAL,
Secretary of State.

Notice of Confirmation of Tax Titles.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned W. E. Galloway claims title to the lands hereinafter described under and by virtue of the following tax sales and conveyances there under to-wit:

Part of SE 1-4 of NE 1-4 all except 15 acres in NE corner of said SE 1-4 of NE 1-4 of Section 25, Township 9, South of Range 9 West, containing 25 acres purchased by the undersigned on the 12 day of June 1916 for the taxes of 1915 and not being redeemed from said sale the county clerk of said county executed his tax Deed conveying the same to the undersigned on the 20 day of June 1918.

And part of the above described land containing 15 acres in NE corner of SE 1-4 of NE 1-4 Sec 25-9-9 purchased of the state and the undersigned holds deed executed by the commissioner of state lands dated the 26th day of June 1918.

Now, therefore, all persons who can set up any right to said lands or any of them so purchased, as aforesaid in consequence of any informality or irregularity connected with said sales are hereby called upon to show cause at the next term of the Cleveland county Chancery court, why the sales so made should not be confirmed, and the titles of the undersigned W. E. Galloway quieted.

W. E. Galloway.

Notice of Application for Sale of Land.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Guardian of the person and property of Ruth Armstrong, Jessie Armstrong, Unice Armstrong, Janie Armstrong, Woodrow Armstrong, Lillian Armstrong, and Bula Armstrong, minor heirs of --- Armstrong, deceased, will apply to the Probate court of Cleveland County, Arkansas, at the November term thereof, on the 4th Monday in November 1918, for an order to sell the entire undivided interest of said minors in and to the following described lands situated in Cleveland county, Arkansas, to-wit: The SE 1-4 of the NE 1-4 and the N 1-2 of the SE 1-4 of sec. 20, Twp. 10, South Range 11, West, containing 120 acres more or less.

Witness my hand as such guardian this the 17 day of August, 1918.

Jean Armstrong,
Guardian

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