CONSTITUTION
OF THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The General Assembly, composed of the Senate and House of Representatives, shall be the legislative department of the government of the State of Louisiana, and shall consist of those members as shall be elected in the manner prescribed by this Constitution.

Section 2. The Senate shall consist of twenty-four members, elected by the people of the State, and shall hold their seats for six years, commencing on the first Monday in December after their election.

Section 3. The House of Representatives shall consist of one member for each legislative district, to be elected by the people of the State, and shall hold their seats for two years, commencing on the first Monday in December after their election.

Section 4. The General Assembly shall meet at the City of New Orleans, on the first Monday in December, of each even-numbered year, and shall adjourn at the expiration of thirty days:

Section 5. The General Assembly shall have power to make all needful laws for the internal government of the State, and for the promotion of the general welfare, and shall have power to appropriate the public moneys and to vest the title to all the land of the State in the State of Louisiana.

Section 6. The General Assembly shall have power to regulate the code of criminal laws, and to provide for the punishment of all persons committing the several crimes and misdemeanors described in the code of laws, and to provide for the trial of persons accused of crime.

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