

RESOLUTION NO. 79 of 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 2 OF THE 2024 THIRD EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON ADULT PROSECUTION OF JUVENILES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 19 of the Louisiana Constitution provides that offenses by juveniles must be tried under special juvenile procedures except the legislature can provide for adult prosecution of juveniles accused of certain specified criminal offenses;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2 of the 2024 Extraordinary Session of the Legislature proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for adult prosecution of juveniles for any crime;

WHEREAS, special juvenile procedures are specifically intended to address juvenile offender issues;

WHEREAS, the constitution already allows the legislature to provide for adult prosecution of juveniles for the most serious offenses;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission opposes removing the limitation from the Constitution on when juveniles can be prosecuted as adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission that it does hereby oppose Senate Bill 2 and urge the legislature to not adopt that legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent, following adoption, to the Louisiana Legislature and to the members of the legislative delegation of Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date