

Resolution 28 of 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATURE AND LOUISIANA GOVERNOR TO ENACT LEGISLATION EXEMPTING STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS FROM LOUISIANA STATE INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS there are severe shortages of personnel throughout the state and local law enforcement agencies, and

WHEREAS a critical reason for this shortage is lack of adequate pay for the risks undertaken by such officers, and

WHEREAS competition in pay for such officers and other first responders from the neighboring state of Texas has the advantage of no taxation of income within the state of Texas, and

WHEREAS it is crucial to the improvement of public safety for state and local governments of the state of Louisiana to adequately fund and compensate law enforcement officers and first responders to ensure adequate staffing levels, and

WHEREAS the exemption from Louisiana state income tax of such officers' and responders' pay for such services would increase their actual take home pay in the state of Louisiana relative to the bordering state of Texas, thus increasing competitiveness in recruiting and retaining such officers throughout Louisiana,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caddo parish commission does hereby in due and regular session convened urge and request the Legislature and Governor of the state of Louisiana to enact legislation exempting the pay of state and local law enforcement officers and first responders from state taxation of income received for such services as they provide to their respective governmental employers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the state delegation representing any part of Caddo Parish in the Louisiana Legislature and also to the Governor of the State of Louisiana.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolution or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAIN:
Chris Kracman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Greg Young	_____	_____	_____	_____
Victor Thomas	_____	_____	_____	_____
John-Paul Young	_____	_____	_____	_____
Roy A. Burrell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Steffon D. Jones	_____	_____	_____	_____
Stormy Gage-Watts	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grace Anne Blake	_____	_____	_____	_____

John E. Atkins _____
Ron Cothran _____
Ed Lazarus _____
Ken Epperson, Sr. _____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9th day of April, 2026.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date