

**Ordinance of Secession of Louisiana**  
**Passed in the State Capitol at Baton Rouge on 26 January 1861, By a Vote of**  
**113-17**

An Ordinance to dissolve the union between the State of Louisiana and other States, united with her under the compact entitled “The Constitution of the United States of America.”

We, the people of the State of Louisiana, in Convention assembled, do declare and ordain, and it is hereby declared and ordained, That the ordinance passed by us in Convention on the 22nd day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and eleven, whereby the Constitution were adopted; and all laws and ordinance by which the State of Louisiana became a member of the Federal Union, be and the same are hereby repealed and abrogated; and that the union now subsisting between Louisiana and other States, under the name of “The United States of America” is hereby dissolved.

We do further declare and ordain, That the State of Louisiana hereby resumes all rights and powers heretofore delegated to the Government of the United States of America; that her citizens are absolved from all allegiance to said Government; and that she is in full possession and exercise of all those rights of sovereignty which appertain to a free and independent State.

We do further declare and ordain, That all rights acquired and vested under the Constitution of the United States, or any act of Congress, or treaty, or under any law of this State, and not incompatible with this ordinance, shall remain in force, and have the same effects as if this ordinance had not been passed.

Louisiana Secession Convention Officers  
(Parish of Representation is in Parentheses.)

**President**

Alexandre Mouton (St. Landry, Calcasieu & Lafayette)

**Secretary**

John Tomas Wheat (Orleans)

**Assistant Secretary**

E. E. Kidd (Jackson)

Louisiana Secession Convention Delegates

(A ↓ Denotes A Delegate Who Voted In Opposition To The Ordinance of Secession.)

Bossier Bienville  
- Robert Hodges  
- Charles D. Stewart

Pointe Coupée, Avoyelles & West Feliciana  
- Abraham M. Gray

Claiborne  
- John L. Lewis

E. Feliciana, E. Baton Rouge  
& West Baton Rouge  
- James Overton Fuqua  
- Andrew Stewart Herron

Franklin & Carroll  
- Mark Valentine

Iberville  
- Augustus Talbot  
- Hardy Chessley Richardson

Jackson & Union  
- Wilson M. Kidd

Madison, Tensas & Concordia  
- Lemuel Parker Conner, Sr.  
- John Perkins, Jr.

Morehouse & Ouachita  
- Horace M. Polk

Orleans (Left Bank)  
(Including the City of New Orleans)  
- W. Rufus Adams  
- Pierre Emile Bonford  
- Thomas Hall Kennedy  
- Felix Labatut  
- J. J. Michel

Plaquemines, St. Bernard, Jefferson  
& Orleans (Right Bank)  
- Charles Bienvenu ↓  
- Fergus Gardere ↓

Winn, Catahoula & Caldwell  
-Wade H. Hough ↓

Rapides  
- John Kingsberry Elgee

Sabine, Natchitoches,  
Desoto & Caddo  
- Benjamin Lewis Hodge  
- Henry Marshall

St. Charles & Lafourche  
- Louis Bush

St. Helena, Washington,  
Livingston, & St. Tammany

St. James & St. John the Baptist  
- André Bienvenu Roman ↓

St. Landry, Calcasieu & Lafayette  
- Lucius Jacques Dupré  
- Alexandre Mouton

St. Martin & Vermillion  
- Alexandre Etienne DeClouet

St. Mary  
- Gabriel LeClaire Fuselier

Terrebonne, Assumption & Ascension  
- Robert Campbell Martin, Sr.  
-Adolphe Verret ↓

### Representative Delegates

Ascension  
- Thomas E. H. Cottman ↓  
- Edward Duffel, Jr.

Natchitoches  
- Aaron Howell Pierson, Sr.  
- Jules Sompayrac

Assumption

- Edmund O. Melancon ↓
- Walter Pugh

First Representative District

- Isaac Newton Marks, Sr.
- Thomas Jenkins Semmes
- Benjamin S. Tappan

Third Representative District

- Robert W. Estlin
- James McCloskey
- John Budd Slawson

Fifth Representative District

- Bernard Avegno
- Joseph Hernandez

Seventh Representative District

- Edward Bermudez
- George Clark

Ninth Representative District

- P. Sever Wiltz
- William M. Perkins
- Alexander Walker

Avoyelles

- Aristides Barbin
- Fenelon Cannon

Bienville

- Felix Lewis
- Joseph Biddle Wilkinson, Jr.

Bossier

- Thomas Jefferson Caldwell
- Henderson McFarland, Jr.

Caddo

- Leon Dawson Marks
- George McWillie Williamson, Sr.
- Lewis Emanuel Texada

Calcasieu

- William Ellison Gill

Orleans Right Bank

- George Washington Lewis

Second Representative District

- Joseph A. Rozier ↓
- W. T. Stocker ↓

Fourth Representative District

- M. O. H. Norton

Sixth Representative District

- John Pemberton

Eighth Representative District

- Charles Octave LeBlanc

Tenth Representative District

- William R. Miles

Ouachita

- Isaiah Garrett ↓

Plaquemines

- Effingham Lawrence

Pointe Coupee

- Samuel Washington McKneely
- Auguste Provosty

Rapides

- Thomas Courtland Manning
- William Washington Smart

Sabine

- Edward C. Davidson

Caldwell  
- Cicero Christopher Meredith ↓

Carroll  
- John H. Martin  
- Edward Sparrow

Catahoula  
- James Govan Taliaferro ↓

Claiborne  
- Nelson Jackson Scott  
- James M. Thomasson

Concordia  
- Joseph E. Miler  
- Zebulon York

Desoto  
- Joseph Barton Elam  
- Young W. Graves  
- Caleb L. Swayze  
- John A. Taylor

East Baton Rouge  
- William S. Pike  
- Isaac Ambrose Williams

East Feliciana  
- William Patterson  
- Thomas W. Scott

Franklin  
- Allen Bonner

Iberville  
- Edward George Washington Butler  
- Theodore Johnson

Jackson  
- William Benson Warren  
- Andrew McCollam

Jefferson  
- Charles Theodule Lagroue  
- Christian Roselius ↓

St. Bernard  
- Antoine Marrero

St. Charles  
- Richard Taylor

St. Helena  
- James Anderson Williams

St. James  
- Jerome Kleber Gaudet ↓  
- Louis S. LeBourgeois ↓

St. John the Baptist  
- Samuel Hollingsworth

St. Landry  
- Walthall Burton  
- Thomas Alfred Cooke

St. Martin  
- Jean Maximilien Alcibiades DeBlanc  
- John Moore

St. Mary  
- Jules G. Olivier  
- Washington M. Smith

St. Tammany  
- Sidney S. Conner

Tensas  
- William Dumont Anderson  
- Samuel Worthington Dorsey

Terrebonne  
- Gilmore Franklin Connely

Union  
- William Cleaton Carr  
- Sidney Henry Griffin

Lafayette  
- Michel Eloi Girard

Lafourche  
- James Scudday Perkins  
- Caleb Jackson Tucker

Livingston  
- William Alexander Davidson

Madison  
- Claiborne C. Briscoe  
- William Raine Peck

Morehouse  
- Robert Barr Todd

Vermilion  
- Daniel O'Bryan

Washington  
- Nehemiah Magee

West Baton Rouge  
Nathaniel W. Pope

West Feliciana  
- William Ruffin Barrow, Sr.  
- John Turnbull Towles, Sr.

Winn  
- David Pierson