



Revised History

Nullification Efforts in Louisiana

By Al Benson April 17, 2021

It seems as if some folks here in Louisiana are beginning to wake up as to the necessity for nullification efforts here in Louisiana.

An article by Zach Parker appeared in the *Ouachita Citizen* for April 8th. Zach's article stated: "Local law enforcement officials say they stand behind state Sen. Jay Morris' legislation clearing citizens to carry a concealed weapon without a permit, though some expressed concern that firearm safety training still take place. Under Senate Bill 118, all persons over the age of 21 who are not convicted felons can carry a concealed weapon without obtaining a concealed carry permit. Morris, a Republican, characterized the purpose of SB 118 as simply confirming each citizen's constitutional right to bear arms. Last week, the Tennessee Legislature joined 18 other states that have approved permit-less carry, or constitutional carry laws. 'It's time Louisiana joined the other 18 states which have passed constitutional carry,' said Morris of Monroe. 'This bill really shouldn't be necessary as our right to bear arms is already established under the Second Amendment and any limitations on that right should be narrow.'"

Let me say at this point that the *Ouachita Citizen* is the only newspaper in this area that I will read consistently. Zach Parker is one of the few honest journalists I know, and his editor seems to have a good grasp of what goes on in the world. Most other papers in this area I can recommend as high-quality birdcage liner but that's about it.

I am sure the federal overlords of federal overreach in Washington would not approve of Senator Morris' bill. Let's hope the state legislature here has the guts to support and pass it. However, there are other nullification efforts now going on here in Louisiana.

An article I received just this morning from JBS Action Alerts noted: "House Bill 118 titled the 'Louisiana Firearm Protection Act is sponsored by Representative Larry Frieman and seven other representatives. If passed, it would be the strongest and most comprehensive gun control nullification bill in the country. HB118 gives a list of policies which might be contained in 'federal acts, laws, executive orders, administrative orders, court orders, rules, and regulations that violate the U.S. Constitutions Second Amendment and Article 1 Section 11 of the Louisiana Constitution...Importantly, HB 118 nullifies both past and future unconstitutional firearms restrictions. Additionally, while the bill does not name any specific federal laws, the 1934 National Firearms Act and the 1968 Gun Control Act would effectively be included among the laws nullified." This should be a bill that every sincere person in Louisiana who is not a radical gun control-oriented leftist could support.

Let us hope and pray that some "suits from Washington" do not show up in Baton Rouge with money or promises in an attempt to subvert or weaken this legislation. Such would not surprise me. We need to lean on our legislators here to get them to support these bills. We need to make it clear to them that if they vote to diminish or do away with our Second Amendment rights then they will be gone in the next election.

Thankfully, nullification efforts are under way here in Louisiana. If nullification efforts do not proceed across this country, we will end up living in what amounts to a federal dictatorship sponsored by the Deep State and the creatures that thrive in the Washington Swamp.