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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The chairman of the Louisiana Constitutional Convention’s composite committee says next month’s statewide tour will be an effort to gather as much public opinion as possible.

“We encourage those who testify to bring a complete statement of their views in writing,” state Dist. Judge James Dennis of Monroe, the committee’s chairman, said in a statement.

“This will allow us to hear from as many people as possible, and later study the written statements in greater depth.”

The composite committee, made up of the chairman of each of the convention’s eight substantive, or article-writing committees, was set up to round up the man-on-the-street’s views about a new constitution for Louisiana.

The panel will meet in Baton Rouge April 17, New Orleans April 18-19, Lake Charles April 23, Lafayette April 24, Alexandria April 25, Monroe April 26 and Shreveport April 27.

The committee will listen to testimony from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day, with the exception for the April 19 meeting in New Orleans, which will be from 9 a.m. to noon.