

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

BUDGETARY PROCEDURES: Reduces the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To direct the commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year  
3 2016-2017.

4 WHEREAS, if the actions taken during the 2016 First Extraordinary Session of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana generate revenues greater than the amount intended for Fiscal Year  
6 2015-2016, Fiscal Year 2016-2017, or any subsequent fiscal year, the executive and  
7 legislative branches must ensure that such revenues are not used to increase spending for the  
8 ordinary expenses of government; and

9 WHEREAS, the expenditure limit provided for in Article VII, Section 10(C)(1) of  
10 the Constitution of Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 is established as Fourteen Billion  
11 One Hundred Eighty-Eight Million One Hundred Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen  
12 and No/100 (\$14,188,108,716.00) Dollars; and

13 WHEREAS, the state budget document for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 shows that the  
14 official expenditure limit of Thirteen Billion Three Hundred Sixty-Five Million Six Hundred  
15 Ninety-Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Seven and No/100 (\$13,365,694,187.00)  
16 Dollars was One Billion Five Hundred Eighteen Million Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand  
17 Seven Hundred Eighty-Two and No/100 (\$1,518,254,782.00) Dollars under the expenditure  
18 limit after anticipated adjustments; and

19 WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana prohibits  
20 appropriations from the state general fund and dedicated funds, except funds allocated by  
21 Article VII, Section 4, Paragraphs (D) and (E), in excess of the expenditure limit; and

1           WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10.3(A)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana requires  
2 that all money available for appropriation from the state general fund and dedicated funds  
3 in excess of the expenditure limit, except funds allocated by Article VII, Section 4,  
4 Paragraphs (D) and (E), shall be deposited into the Budget Stabilization Fund; and

5           WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10(C)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides  
6 that the expenditure limit may be changed in any fiscal year by a favorable vote of two-thirds  
7 of the elected members of each house and that any such change in the expenditure limit shall  
8 be approved by the passage of a specific legislative instrument which clearly states the intent  
9 to change the limit; and

10           WHEREAS, R.S. 39:52.1 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that  
11 a change to the expenditure limit shall be made pursuant to a concurrent resolution adopted  
12 by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house directing the  
13 commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit to a designated amount for  
14 a specified fiscal year.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of  
16 the elected members of each house concurring, does hereby direct the commissioner of  
17 administration to change the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 from Fourteen  
18 Billion One Hundred Eighty-Eight Million One Hundred Eight Thousand Seven Hundred  
19 Sixteen and No/100 (\$14,188,108,716.00) Dollars to Thirteen Billion One Hundred Eighty-  
20 Eight Million One Hundred Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen Dollars and No/100  
21 (\$13,188,108,716.00) Dollars.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution shall be  
23 construed to affect the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and thereafter in  
24 accordance with Article VII, Section 10(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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DIGEST

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Directs the commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit for FY 2016-2017 from \$14,188,108,716 to \$13,188,108,716.

Provisions of this Resolution shall be construed to affect the expenditure limit for FY 2017-2018 and thereafter.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Changes the amount of the new expenditure limit in proposed resolution from \$12,688,108,716 to \$13,188,108,716.