

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 503

BY SENATOR WHITE

APPROPRIATIONS. Provides relative to actions of Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget relative to the forty-five day close period. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:82(B) and to enact R.S. 39:82.2, relative to appropriations;
3 to provide relative to the deadline to withdraw appropriations from the preceding
4 year against which bona fide liabilities existed as of the last day of the fiscal year;
5 to provide for the suspension of laws; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:82(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 39:82.2 is hereby
8 enacted to read as follows:

9 §82. Remission of cash balances to the state treasurer; authorized withdrawals of
10 state monies after the close of the fiscal year; reports

11 A. * * *

12 B. The commissioner of administration may, with the approval of the Joint
13 Legislative Committee on the Budget, incorporate into the new fiscal year's
14 appropriation any appropriations from the prior fiscal year against which bona fide
15 obligations existed on the last day of the fiscal year. No transactions shall be
16 approved in this manner after the forty-fifth day following the last day of the fiscal
17 year; provided, however, that in any year in which the Joint Legislative

obligations existed on the last day of the fiscal year. No transactions shall be approved in this manner after the 45th day following the last day of the fiscal year.

Proposed law provides that in any year in which the JLCB is unable to meet to approve the transactions before the 45th day following the last day of the fiscal year due to a declared disaster or emergency, the transactions shall be placed on the agenda of the next JLCB meeting for approval and may be approved after the 45th day following the last day of the fiscal year.

Proposed law further provides that the law establishing a procedure for incorporating appropriations from the last fiscal year against which bona fide liabilities existed as of the last day of the fiscal year with the approval of the JLCB, are suspended in the event the JLCB is unable to approve the transactions due to a declared emergency or disaster. The suspension shall only be in effect until the day after the next meeting of the JLCB which shall take place no later than 30 days after the end of the declared disaster or emergency.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 39:82(B); adds R.S. 39:82.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Provides that in any year in which the JLCB is unable to meet to approve the transactions before the 45th day following the last day of the fiscal year due to a declared disaster or emergency, the transactions shall be placed on the agenda of the next JLCB meeting for approval and may be approved after the 45th day following the last day of the fiscal year.
2. Provides for suspension of the law establishing a procedure for incorporating appropriations from the last fiscal year against which bona fide liabilities existed as of the last day of the fiscal year with the approval of the JLCB, are suspended in the event the JLCB is unable to approve the transactions due to a declared emergency or disaster.
3. Provides that the suspension shall only be in effect until the day after the next meeting of the JLCB which shall take place no later than 30 days after the end of the declared disaster or emergency.