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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates Louisiana Deficit Reduction Fund in the state treasury.

Proposed constitutional amendment creates the Louisiana Deficit Reduction Fund in the state treasury. Provides that 100% of any money designated in the official forecast as nonrecurring as provided in Article VII, §10(D)(2) of the constitution shall be deposited in and credited to the fund. Money from other sources, such as donations, appropriations, or dedications, may be deposited in and credited to the fund.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that money in the fund shall be invested as provided by law. Earnings realized in each fiscal year on the investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that money in the fund shall be available for appropriation for the payment of operating expenses of the state for a fiscal year in which there is a projected deficit of \$900 million or more and for the purposes set forth in Article VII, §10(D)(2).

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that notwithstanding any provision of the constitution to the contrary, the treasurer shall deposit into the fund all monies from Fiscal Year 2004-2005 designated in the official forecast as nonrecurring.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held February 4, 2006.

(Adds Const. Art. VII, §10.13)