

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

HOUSE BILL NO. 155

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

FUNDS/FUNDING: (Constitutional Amendment) Use of monies appropriated from the Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to add Article VII, Section 10.1(E) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to
3 state funds; to provide for appropriations from the Louisiana Education Quality
4 Support Fund for certain fiscal years; to provide for submission of the proposed
5 amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
8 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add
9 Article VII, Section 10.1(E) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §10.1. Quality Trust Fund; Education

11 Section 10.1.

12 * * *

13 (E) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution to the contrary,
14 for Fiscal Years 2006-2007 through 2008-2009, except for appropriations to pay
15 expenses incurred in the investment and management of the Permanent Trust Fund,
16 the legislature may appropriate from the fund for purposes of higher education and
17 elementary and secondary education pursuant to this Paragraph. After providing
18 appropriations for investment expenses of the Permanent Trust Fund, fifty percent
19 of the monies available for appropriation each year shall be appropriated to the
20 Board of Regents to provide for higher educational purposes and fifty percent shall

1 be appropriated to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide for
2 purposes of elementary and secondary education. On July 1, 2009, the provisions
3 of this Paragraph shall be null, void, and of no effect.

4 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
5 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on February 4,
6 2006.

7 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
8 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
9 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
10 read as follows:

11 Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution to the contrary, for
12 Fiscal Years 2006-2007 through 2008-2009, authorizes appropriations from
13 the Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund for purposes of higher
14 education and elementary and secondary education. After providing
15 appropriations for investment expenses of the Permanent Trust Fund,
16 provides that fifty percent of the monies available for appropriation each year
17 shall be appropriated to the Board of Regents to provide for higher
18 educational purposes and fifty percent shall be appropriated to the Board of
19 Elementary and Secondary Education to provide for purposes of elementary
20 and secondary education. On July 1, 2009, these provisions become null,
21 void, and of no effect. (Adds Article VII, Section 10.1(E))

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument.

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Abstract: Authorizes appropriations from the Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund for certain purposes for Fiscal Years 2006-2007 through 2008-2009.

Present constitution provides for appropriations from the Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund, hereinafter "fund", in accordance with plans for expenditure developed by the Board of Regents and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Restricts the use of monies appropriated to specific educational enhancement purposes.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and for Fiscal Years 2006-2007 through 2008-2009 only, authorizes the appropriation of monies from the fund for any purposes related to higher education and elementary and secondary education.

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

(Adds Const. Art. VII, §10.1(E))