
DIGEST

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HB No. 434

Abstract: Requires separate appropriation bills for discretionary and nondiscretionary expenditures if the executive budget proposes reducing appropriations out of the state general fund and dedicated funds for health care or higher education compared to the most recently enacted appropriation bills.

Present constitution requires the governor shall to submit to the legislature, at the time and in the form fixed by law, a budget estimate for the next fiscal year setting forth all proposed state expenditures. This budget shall include a recommendation for appropriations from the state general fund and from dedicated funds. Further requires the governor to cause to be submitted a general appropriation bill for proposed ordinary operating expenditures which shall be in conformity with the recommendations for appropriations contained in the budget estimate.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that, if the legislative auditor determines that the proposed expenditures for health care or for higher education from the state general fund and dedicated funds are less than such appropriations enacted in the prior regular session of the legislature for each purpose, the governor shall cause to be submitted a separate appropriation bill for nondiscretionary expenditures.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 4, 2014.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §11(B))