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DIGEST

Crowe (SB 145)

Present constitution authorizes the legislature to establish a procedure to determine a projected deficit and a method for adjusting appropriations to eliminate the deficit.

Present constitution authorizes the governor, with legislative approval, to reduce up to five percent of appropriations or allocations from the state general fund and dedicated funds in any fiscal year in which a deficit is projected and reductions of at least seven-tenths of one percent in appropriations from the state general fund have already occurred. Further provides that such reductions to the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) shall be limited to one percent and shall not be applicable to instructional activities.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and authorizes the reduction in appropriations or allocations from the state general fund and dedicated funds when there is a decrease in recurring federal financial participation in state assistance expenditures for nondiscretionary state general fund expenditures.

Present constitution authorizes the legislature to reduce the monies appropriated or allocated for mandatory expenditures or allocations by up to five percent, making those funds available for other, nonmandatory expenditures if the official revenue forecast for the next year is at least one percent less than for the current year.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and authorizes the reduction of monies appropriated or allocated for mandatory expenditures or allocations, making those funds available for other, nonmandatory expenditures when there is a decrease in recurring federal financial participation in state assistance expenditures for nondiscretionary state general fund expenditures.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2014.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, Sec. 10(F)(2)(a) and (b))