
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund as a special treasury trust fund and deposits into the fund mineral revenues and corporate tax revenues.

Proposed constitutional amendment establishes the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund as a special treasury trust fund.

Proposed constitutional amendment deposits into the fund mineral revenues between \$650 million and \$950 million received during the fiscal year. Further excludes the deposit into the fund of mineral revenues required under present constitution and present law, as follows:

- (1) The Bond Security and Redemption Fund.
- (2) Severance tax and royalty payments to the political subdivisions of the state.
- (3) The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund.
- (4) The Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund.
- (5) The Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund.
- (6) The Marsh Island Operating Fund and the Russell Sage or Marsh Island Refuge Fund.
- (7) The MC Davis Conservation Fund.
- (8) The White Lake Property Fund.
- (9) The Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund (the 8g Fund).
- (10) The Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund.
- (11) The Mineral Revenue Audit and Settlement Fund.
- (12) The Budget Stabilization Fund.
- (13) An amount equal to the state general fund deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund and the Louisiana State Transportation Infrastructure Fund.

Proposed constitutional amendment deposits into the fund corporate income and franchise tax revenues over \$500 million received during the fiscal year.

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizes investment of the money in the fund in the same manner as investments of the Millennium Trust as provided for in present law.

Proposed constitutional amendment deposits into the state general fund all interest and other income earned on investments of the fund.

Proposed law prohibits any appropriations from the fund, with an exception for the following:

- (1) In any fiscal year in which the balance of the fund at the beginning of the year is in excess of \$5 billion, (hereinafter the minimum fund balance), the legislature may appropriate an amount not to exceed 5% of the fund balance, (hereinafter the allowable percentage), for the same purposes as money designated in the official forecast as nonrecurring pursuant to present constitution. Those uses include:
 - (a) Retiring or defeasing debt.
 - (b) Payments against the unfunded accrued liability of the public retirement systems.
 - (c) Capital outlay projects in the comprehensive state capital budget.
 - (d) Deposits into the Budget Stabilization Fund.
 - (e) Deposits into the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund.
 - (f) New highway construction.
- (2) The legislature may authorize an appropriation from the fund at any time for any purpose subject to consent of 3/4 of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizes changes to the minimum fund balance or the allowable percentage by a law enacted by 3/4 of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 8, 2016.

(Adds Article VII, Section 10(F)(4)(h) and 10.15)