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Do you support an amendment to provide greater independence for the state inspector general by dedicating a minimum level of funding to the office of the state inspector general and the activities of that office? (Adds Article VII, Section 10.17)

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HB 443 Engrossed

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Stokes

**Abstract:** Dedicates specified sales tax revenue to funding the office of the state inspector general.

Proposed constitutional amendment creates the Inspector General Fund in the state treasury and dedicates \$2 million adjusted annually for inflation of annual sales tax revenue to the fund. Requires that money in the fund be appropriated solely for purposes of funding the office of the state inspector general and the activities of that office.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year remain in the fund. The money in the fund shall be invested as provided by law and any earnings realized on investment of money in the fund 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.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 14, 2017.

(Adds Const. Art. VII, §10.17)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Add that the purpose of the fund is to provide greater independence for the office of state inspector general.