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Subject: Creation of the Constitutional Convention Study		

CONSTITUTION/CONVENTION OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Creates a commission to study the feasibility of a constitutional convention and make recommendations relative thereto.

The proposed concurrent resolution creates the Constitutional Convention Study Commission (CCSC), comprised of 19 members, to make necessary studies and analysis to examine the feasibility and advisability of calling a constitution convention. It requires the Commission to complete its study and determine its recommendations by 1/15/2019, and by 2/14/2019 submit the complete results of its study and a report of its finding and recommendations to the legislature and governor. The Commission may utilize the personnel and services of the Legislative Auditor (LLA), Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), staff of the House of Representatives and the Senate, LA State Law Institution (LSLI), LA Supreme Court, LA State University, Southern University, Tulane University, Loyola University, and other staff deemed necessary. Expenses incurred by the CCSC may be paid from any funds available for such purpose and from funds available for expenses of the legislature, if approved by the presiding officers of each house. The Commission may accept grants, donations or gifts of money or services, including the use of facilities and staff from public or private sources to defray the expenses of the Commission.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed concurrent resolution will result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in FY 19. The legislative per diem rate of \$164 and the cost of related benefits (7.65% includes FICA 6.2% and Medicare 1.45%) is approximately \$13 for a daily cost of approximately \$177/day. It would cost \$708 per day for 4 legislators to attend meetings plus mileage reimbursement, which is approximately \$0.545 per mile. However, the impact on expenditures is indeterminable and will depend upon mileage of the members, the number of meeting days held, and the actions taken by the CCSC. To the extent that staff from other agencies request travel allowance (mileage only), there will be additional indeterminable costs. The cost to create or appoint advisory commissions or task forces are indeterminable. There will also be costs for the payment of supplies, materials, printing and reproduction of materials and all other necessary expenses incurred in connection with the CCSC and its work.

The LFO and staffs of the House of Representatives, Senate, and state agencies will likely absorb any additional duties with existing staff and resources.

The LLA has indicated that if the workload is not of a minimal nature, the cost will be \$11,000 for every 100 hours committed to the CCSC.

The LSLI indicates an indeterminable increase in SGF may result in the employment of a half-time employee to support the CCSC, assuming existing staff will not be utilized. The amount of the increase would depend upon the necessary qualifications of such employee.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation authorizes the CCSC the authority to accept grants, donations or gifts of money and services from public and private sources to defray the expenses of the Commission. The amount that may be received from non-governmental entities, if any, cannot be estimated.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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