2020 Regular Session



HOUSE BILL NO. 464

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1	A JOINT RESOLUTION
2	Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10(C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative
3	to the expenditure limit; to provide for the method of determining the expenditure
4	limit; to limit the growth of the expenditure limit; to provide for effectiveness; to
5	provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide
6	for related matters.
7	Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
8	elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
9	Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
10	amend Article VII, Section 10(C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
11	§10. Expenditure of State Funds
12	Section 10.
13	* * *
14	(C) Expenditure Limit. (1) The legislature shall provide for the
15	determination of an expenditure limit for each fiscal year to be established during the
16	first quarter of the calendar year for the next fiscal year. However, the expenditure
17	limit for the 1991-1992 Fiscal Year shall be the actual appropriations from the state
18	general fund and dedicated funds for that year except funds allocated by Article VII,
19	Section 4, Paragraphs (D) and (E). For subsequent fiscal years, the limit shall not
20	exceed the expenditure limit for the current fiscal year plus an amount equal to that
21	limit times a positive growth factor be as provided for by law. The growth factor is

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1	the average annual percentage rate of change of personal income for Louisiana as
2	defined and reported by the United States Department of Commerce for the three
3	calendar years prior to the fiscal year for which the limit is calculated legislature
4	shall establish by law a procedure to determine the expenditure limit. The procedure
5	shall not provide for growth in the expenditure limit of more than five percent in any
6	year. Once established by law, the procedure to determine the expenditure limit shall
7	not be changed except by a law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each
8	house of the legislature.
9	* * *
10	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
11	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
12	2020.
13	Section 3. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in
14	this Joint Resolution shall become effective on June 30, 2022.
15	Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
16	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
17	to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
18	follows:
19	Do you support an amendment to limit the growth of the expenditure limit
20	for the state general fund and dedicated funds and to remove the calculation
21	of its growth factor from the Constitution? (Effective June 30, 2022)
22	(Amends Article VII, Section 10(C)(1))

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE