

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

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LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to requirements for enactment of appropriations

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to add Article III, Section 16(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide  
3 relative to consideration of appropriations bills; to provide for time periods and  
4 required information relative thereto; to provide for submission of the proposed  
5 amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members  
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of  
8 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add  
9 Article III, Section 16(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §16. Appropriations

11 Section 16.

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13 (F) Coordination of resources and expenditures. No conference committee  
14 report or amendment from the Senate on a bill appropriating money shall be  
15 considered for concurrence until at least forty-eight hours after the bill, a summary  
16 detailing the proposed changes to the bill, and any additional information required  
17 by the joint rules of the legislature and the rules of the house of the legislature

1        considering concurrence have been distributed to each member of that house of the  
 2        legislature.

3        Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
 4 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on December 7,  
 5 2024.

6        Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,  
 7 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
 8 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
 9 follows:

10                    Do you support an amendment to require that the legislature wait for at least  
 11                    forty-eight hours prior to concurring in a conference committee report or  
 12                    amendments to a bill appropriating money? (Adds Article III, Section 16(F))

#### DIGEST

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HB 48 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Prohibits consideration of a conference committee report or amendments from the Senate on an appropriations bill until at least 48 hours after the bill, a summary detailing the proposed changes to the bill, and any additional information required by the rules have been distributed to the members of the house considering concurrence.

Present constitution (Art. III, §15) requires bills to be read by title on three separate days in each house and prohibits a bill from being considered for final passage unless a committee has held a public hearing and reported on the bill. Further provides that no amendment to a bill by one house shall be concurred in by the other and no conference committee report shall be concurred in by either house except by the same vote required for final passage of the bill. Relative to appropriations bills, present constitution (Art. III, §16) further requires that all such bills originate in the House of Representatives, but allows the Senate to propose or concur in amendments.

Proposed constitutional amendment prohibits consideration of concurrence in a conference committee report or amendments from the Senate on an appropriations bill until at least 48 hours after the bill, a summary detailing the proposed changes to the bill, and any additional information required by the joint rules of the legislature and the rules of the house of the legislature considering concurrence have been distributed to each member of that house of the legislature.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Dec. 7, 2024.

(Adds Const. Art. III, §16(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the election date for submission to the electors from Nov. 5 to Dec. 7, 2024.