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Harrison HB No. 102

Abstract: Prohibits using an appropriation bill to alter laws except as directly related to the appropriation.

Present constitution provides for annual appropriations by the legislature and imposes further requirements on the origin and specifics of any appropriation bill.

Present case law recognizes that inherent in the power of appropriation is the power to specify how the money can be spent, including qualifications, conditions, limitations, or restrictions on the expenditure of funds; however, such conditions and limitations must exhibit such a connexity with money items of appropriation that they logically belong in a schedule of expenditures, *Henry v. Edwards*, 346 So.2d 153 (La. 1977). Accordingly, the state supreme court in *Henry v. Edwards* held that the governor may veto nonmonetary provisions invalidly contained in the general appropriation bill.

Proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit the general appropriation bill or any ancillary appropriation bill from containing nonmonetary provisions unless those provisions were for the specific and limited purpose of imposing qualifications, conditions, limitations, or restrictions related to the expenditure of the funds.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014.

(Adds Art. III, §16(F))