

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 434

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

BUDGETARY CONTROLS: (Constitutional Amendment) Requires spending due to constitutional or other mandates to be considered in a separate appropriation bill from spending that is not required to be funded if health care or higher education funding is reduced

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION
2 Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 11(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to require
3 separate appropriation bills for discretionary and nondiscretionary spending in
4 certain circumstances; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the
5 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
9 amend Article VII, Section 11(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §11. Budgets

11 Section 11.

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13 (B) Operating Budget. The governor shall cause to be submitted a general
14 appropriation bill for proposed ordinary operating expenditures which shall be in
15 conformity with the recommendations for appropriations contained in the budget
16 estimate. If the legislative auditor determines that the proposed expenditures for

state expenditures. This budget shall include a recommendation for appropriations from the state general fund and from dedicated funds. Further requires the governor to cause to be submitted a general appropriation bill for proposed ordinary operating expenditures which shall be in conformity with the recommendations for appropriations contained in the budget estimate.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that, if the legislative auditor determines that the proposed expenditures for health care or for higher education from the state general fund and dedicated funds are less than such appropriations enacted in the prior regular session of the legislature for each purpose, the governor shall cause to be submitted a separate appropriation bill for nondiscretionary expenditures.

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

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §11(B))