

1 be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior
2 to the first day of a regular session.

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4 (d) Each bill the object of which is to legislate with regard to tax exemptions,
5 exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, rebates, incentives, abatements, or credits
6 shall be prefiled. Each such bill shall be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the
7 evening of the forty-fifth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

8 (e) The legislature is authorized to provide by joint rule for the procedures
9 for passage of duplicate or companion instruments.

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11 Section 2. Be it further resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the
12 members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of
13 the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a
14 proposal to amend Article XIII, Section 1(A)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as
15 follows:

16 §1. Amendments

17 Section 1.(A)

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19 (2)(a) Any joint resolution proposed at a regular session of the legislature
20 which effects any change in constitutional provisions relating to any retirement
21 system for public employees shall be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the
22 evening of the forty-fifth calendar day prior to the first day of session.

23 (b) Any joint resolution proposed at a regular session of the legislature which
24 would amend this constitution relative to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions,
25 reductions, repeals, rebates, incentives, abatements, or credits shall be prefiled no
26 later than five o'clock in the evening of the forty-fifth calendar day prior to the first
27 day of session.

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1 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
3 2014.

4 Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
5 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
6 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
7 follows:

8 Do you support an amendment to require proposed legislation relative to tax
9 exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, rebates, incentives,
10 abatements, or credits to be prefiled thirty-five days earlier than the general
11 prefiling deadline?

12 (Amends Article III, Section 2(A)(2)(b) and (d) and Article XIII, Section
13 1(A)(2); Adds Article III, Section 2(A)(2)(e))

DIGEST

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HB No. 407

Abstract: Requires proposed legislation relative to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, incentives, abatements, or credits to be prefiled no later than 45 days prior to the first day of a regular session.

Present constitution provides that no member may introduce more than five bills that were not prefiled, except as provided in the joint rules of the legislature. Provides that any bill that is to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall be prefiled no later than 5 p.m. of the 10th calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session. However, provides that any bill to effect any change in laws relating to any retirement system for public employees that is to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall be prefiled no later than 5 p.m. of the 45th calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and additionally provides that each bill the object of which is to legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, rebates, incentives, abatements, or credits shall be prefiled. Requires each such bill to be prefiled no later than 5 p.m. of the 45th calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

Present constitution (Const. Art. XIII, §1) provides that an amendment to the constitution may be proposed by joint resolution at any regular session of the legislature, but the resolution shall be prefiled at least 10 days before the beginning of the session in accordance with the rules of the house in which introduced. Provides, however, that any joint resolution proposed at a regular session of the legislature which effects any change in constitutional

provisions relating to any retirement system for public employees shall be prefiled no later than 5 p.m. of the 45th calendar day prior to the first day of session.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and additionally provides that any joint resolution proposed at a regular session of the legislature which would amend the constitution relative to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, rebates, incentives, abatements, or credits shall be prefiled no later than 5 p.m. of the 45th calendar day prior to the first day of session.

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

(Amends Const. Art. III, §2(A)(2)(b) and (d) and Art. XIII, §1(A)(2); Adds Const. Art. III, §2(A)(2)(e))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Removes proposed provision restricting the enactment of legislation relative to tax rebates to a regular session convening in an odd-numbered year.
2. Adds legislation relative to tax incentives and abatements to list of proposed legislation that shall be prefiled no later than 45 days prior to the first day of a regular session.