
DIGEST

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HB No. 434

Abstract: Requires the general appropriation bill be submitted with separate recommendations for discretionary and nondiscretionary state spending if the executive budget proposes reducing appropriations out of the state general fund and dedicated funds for health care or higher education compared to the most recently enacted appropriation bills.

Present constitution requires the governor shall to submit to the legislature, at the time and in the form fixed by law, a budget estimate for the next fiscal year setting forth all proposed 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, such general appropriation bill shall include separate recommendations for discretionary and nondiscretionary expenditures.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014. However, the proposed amendment shall not be submitted to the voters if the proposed constitutional amendments which originated as HB Nos. 435 and 436 of the 2013 R.S. are not concurred in by both houses and HB Nos. 1, 437, 456, 474, 571, 620, 653, and 696 of the 2013 R.S. are not enacted into law.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §11(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill.

1. Deleted provisions requiring separate appropriation bills and instead provided that the general appropriation bill include separate recommendations for discretionary and nondiscretionary spending.
2. Added requirement that the proposed amendment shall not be submitted to the voters if certain constitutional amendments are not concurred in by both houses and certain

bills are not enacted into law.