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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 158

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BUDGETARY PROCEDURES: Creates an Ad Hoc Interim Joint Legislative Committee on Budgetary Procedure

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To create the Ad Hoc Interim Joint Legislative Committee on Budgetary Procedure to study
3	the feasibility of changing the format and procedure regarding the development,
4	implementation, and review of the state budget and to make recommendations to the
5	Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget no later than sixty days prior to the
6	convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
7	WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 11(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the
8	governor to submit to the legislature, at the time and in the form fixed by law, a budget
9	estimate for the next fiscal year setting forth all proposed state expenditures; and
10	WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 11(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that
11	the governor shall cause to be submitted a general appropriation bill for proposed ordinary
12	operating expenditures which shall be in conformity with the recommendations for
13	appropriations contained in the budget estimate; and
14	WHEREAS, Part II of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of Louisiana Revised
15	Statutes of 1950 provides for the development, enactment, and execution of the operating
16	budget, including the executive budget and General Appropriation Bill; and
17	WHEREAS, the determinations in the executive budget of savings through
18	efficiencies and the expenditure of monies not recognized by the Revenue Estimating
19	Conference have not been discussed with the legislature prior to the presentation of the
20	executive budget, denying members of the legislature the opportunity to participate in the
21	development of the budget; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, programmatic budgeting makes it difficult to determine proposed 2 expenditures in specific categories such as personal services, operating expenses, 3 professional services, interagency transfers, other charges, and acquisitions and major 4 repairs; and
- 5 WHEREAS, some states, such as Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and
 6 Texas, produce a full alternative to their governor's proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 24:653 provides for the responsibility of the Joint Legislative
Committee on the Budget to study and make reports to the legislature on matters pertaining
to the budgeting and fiscal affairs of the state and its political subdivisions, their funds,
revenues, expenditures, and any other financial affairs of the state and of its political
subdivisions as may be deemed desirable by the committee or the legislature; and

WHEREAS, an in-depth study of the budget procedure performed by an advisory
committee which could present its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative
Committee on the Budget and which could present its findings and recommendations to the
entire legislature may be beneficial.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 17 create the Ad Hoc Interim Joint Legislative Committee on Budgetary Procedure to study the 18 feasibility of changing the format and procedure regarding the development, implementation, 19 and review of the state budget and to make recommendations to the Joint Legislative 20 Committee on the Budget no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular 21 Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be composed as follows:

23 (1) The chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations or his designee.

24 (2) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance or his designee.

25 (3) The chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means or his designee.

26 (4) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs or his27 designee.

(5) Three members of the House Committee on Appropriations appointed by the
 speaker of the House of Representatives.

1	(6) Three members of the Senate Committee on Finance appointed by the president
2	of the Senate.
3	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the House Committee on
4	Appropriations shall serve as chairman of the committee until the committee elects a
5	chairman.
6	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall elect a chairman and vice
7	chairman at its first meeting and may establish such rules as are necessary for the orderly
8	conduct of business.
9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall have access to legislative
10	staff as needed to conduct its business, including staff of the Legislative Fiscal Office, the
11	Legislative Auditor, House Legislative Services, and Senate Legislative Services.
12	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee shall terminate upon presentation
13	of its report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget no later than sixty days prior
14	to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
	DIGEST

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Creates the Ad Hoc Interim Joint Legislative Committee on Budgetary Procedure (the committee) to study the feasibility of changing the format and procedure regarding the development, implementation, and review of the state budget and to make recommendations to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget not later than 60 days prior to the convening of the 2014 R.S.

The committee shall be composed as follows:

- (1) The chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations or his designee.
- The chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance or his designee. (2)
- The chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means or his designee. (3)
- The chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs or his (4) designee.
- (5) Three members of the House Committee on Appropriations appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (6) Three members of the Senate Committee on Finance appointed by the president of the Senate.

The committee shall be chaired by the chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations until the committee selects a chairman and vice chairman at its first meeting.

The committee may establish such rules as are necessary for the orderly conduct of business and shall have access to legislative staff.

The committee shall terminate upon presentation of its report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the 2014 R.S.