

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 158

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHRODER, KLECKLEY, AND FANNIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the Ad Hoc Interim Joint Legislative Committee on Budgetary Procedure 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 no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 11(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the governor 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; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 11(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that the governor shall 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; and

WHEREAS, Part II of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for the development, enactment, and execution of the operating budget, including the executive budget and General Appropriation Bill; and

WHEREAS, programmatic budgeting makes it difficult to determine proposed expenditures in specific categories such as personal services, operating expenses, professional services, interagency transfers, other charges, and acquisitions and major repairs; 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create the Ad Hoc Interim Joint Legislative Committee on Budgetary Procedure 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 no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

- (1) The chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations or his designee.
- (2) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance or his designee.
- (3) The chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means or his designee.
- (4) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs or his 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations shall serve as chairman of the committee until the committee elects a chairman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall elect a chairman and vice chairman at its first meeting and may establish such rules as are necessary for the orderly conduct of business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall have access to legislative staff as needed to conduct its business, including staff of the Legislative Fiscal Office, the Legislative Auditor, House Legislative Services, and Senate Legislative Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee shall terminate upon presentation of its report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE