

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

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

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article III, Section 2(A)(3)(b) and (4)(b)(introductory paragraph) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for consideration of certain legislative instruments during regular sessions; to provide relative to subject matter restrictions for regular sessions; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article III, Section 2(A)(3)(b) and (4)(b)(introductory paragraph) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§2. Sessions

Section 2.(A) Annual Session.

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(b) No measure levying or authorizing a new tax by the state or by any statewide political subdivision whose boundaries are coterminous with the state; increasing an existing tax by the state or by any statewide political subdivision whose boundaries are coterminous with the state; or legislating with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, rebates, incentives, abatements, or credits, shall be introduced or enacted during a regular session held in an even-numbered year.

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1 (b) During any session convening in an odd-numbered year, no matter  
 2 intended to have the effect of law, including any suspension of law, shall be  
 3 introduced or considered unless its object is to enact the General Appropriation Bill;  
 4 enact the comprehensive capital budget; make an appropriation; levy or authorize a  
 5 new tax; increase an existing tax; levy, authorize, increase, decrease, or repeal a fee;  
 6 dedicate revenue; legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions,  
 7 reductions, repeals, rebates, incentives, abatements, or credits; or legislate with  
 8 regard to the issuance of bonds. In addition, a matter intended to have the effect of  
 9 law, including a measure proposing a suspension of law, which is not within the  
 10 subject matter restrictions provided in this Subparagraph may be considered at any  
 11 such session if:

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13 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
 14 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,  
 15 2014.

16 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,  
 17 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
 18 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
 19 follows:

20 Do you support an amendment to provide that legislation relative to tax  
 21 rebates, tax incentives, and tax abatements may not be introduced or  
 22 considered by the legislature in a regular session held in an even-numbered  
 23 year? (Amends Article III, Section 2(A)(3)(b) and (4)(b)(introductory  
 24 paragraph))

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE