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HOUSE BILL NO. 444

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BUDGETARY PROCEDURES: Provides for the availability of the executive budget to members of the legislature 14 days prior to submission to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:37 relative to the executive budget; to require electronic
3 copies of the executive budget be made available to members of the legislature; to
4 provide for exceptions; to provide for submission of the supporting document; to
5 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:37 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §37. Executive budget to be printed and distributed

9 A. The governor shall cause the executive budget to be printed in such
10 number of copies as the governor may specify. Except as otherwise provided in this
11 Subsection, the governor shall submit his executive budget to the Joint Legislative
12 Committee on the Budget no later than forty-five days prior to each regular session
13 of the legislature. The executive budget submitted during the first year of each term
14 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget no later than
15 thirty days prior to the regular session of the legislature. Except for the first year of
16 each term, the governor shall make available an electronic copy of the executive
17 budget to each member of the legislature fourteen days prior to the submission of the
18 executive budget to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. A printed copy

1 shall be made available for each member of the legislature on the first day of each
2 regular session, and a reasonable supply shall be provided for public distribution.

3 B. At the same time as the governor ~~submits~~ makes an electronic copy of his
4 executive budget available to each member of the legislature, the supporting
5 document, as provided in R.S. 39:36(B), shall be submitted through electronic media
6 to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and made available through
7 electronic media to each member of the legislature and for public distribution.
8 During the first year of each term, the supporting document shall be submitted and
9 made available at the same time the governor submits his executive budget to the
10 Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

11 C.(1) For a period of fifteen days following such availability and submission,
12 technical corrections including but not limited to typographical and mathematical
13 corrections may be made to the supporting document to correct errors, discrepancies,
14 or omissions only as necessary to conform the supporting document to the financial
15 and programmatic plan as contained in the executive budget. During the first year
16 of each term, such period shall be limited to seven days following the submission of
17 the executive budget to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

18 (2) After the specified period, technical corrections may be made to the
19 supporting document only with the approval of the commissioner of administration
20 and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

21 D. No later than fifteen days after ~~submission of~~ the governor makes an
22 electronic copy of the executive budget available to each member of the legislature,
23 a written copy of the supporting document shall be provided to the Joint Legislative
24 Committee on the Budget. During the first year of each term, such written copy
25 must be provided no later than seven days after submission of the executive budget
26 to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. A copy of the supporting
27 document shall be made available to each member of the legislature upon request.

28 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires an electronic copy of the executive budget be made available to members of the legislature 14 days prior to submission of the executive budget to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. Further provides for changes to the electronic and written submission of the supporting document.

Present law requires the governor to submit the executive budget to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) 45 days prior to each regular session of the legislature; however during the first year of the governor's term, the executive budget shall be submitted to the JLCB 30 days prior to the regular session. Present law requires a printed copy of the executive budget be made available to each member of the legislature on the first day of each regular session.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement that, except for the first year of each term, the governor provide an electronic copy of the executive budget to each member of the legislature 14 days prior to the submission of the executive budget to the JLCB.

Present law requires the governor to submit supporting documentation through electronic media to JLCB at the same time that he submits the executive budget to the committee.

Proposed law changes the required time for the supporting document through electronic media from the same time as he submits his executive budget to the JLCB to the time an electronic copy of the budget is made available to each member of the legislature. Proposed law further provides that during the first year of each term, the supporting document shall be submitted electronically at the same time the governor submits his executive budget to the JLCB.

Present law provides for a 15 day period following the electronic submission of the supporting document for technical corrections to the supporting document. During the first year of each term, such period is limited to seven days.

Proposed law clarifies that the time period for technical corrections follows the availability and submission of the executive budget to conform with proposed law. Proposed law further clarifies that during the first year of each term, such period shall be limited to seven days following the submission of the executive budget to the JLCB.

Present law requires a written copy of the supporting document be provided to the JLCB 15 days after the submission of the executive budget to the committee. During the first year of each term, such period shall be limited to seven days.

Proposed law changes the required time a written copy of the supporting document is provided to the JLCB from 15 days after the governor submits his executive budget to the committee to 15 days after the governor makes an electronic copy of the executive budget available to each member of the legislature. Proposed law further clarifies that during the first year of each term, such written copy must be provided no later than seven days after submission of the executive budget to the JLCB.

Effective July 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 39:37)