

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 32

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD

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

GOVERNOR/POWERS-VETO: (Constitutional Amendment) Removes governor's authority to veto line items in an appropriation bill

## 1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to repeal Article IV, Section 5(G) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to remove the  
3 governor's authority to veto line items in an appropriation bill; to provide for  
4 submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members  
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of  
8 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to repeal  
9 Article IV, Section 5(G) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

10 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
11 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 24,  
12 2015.

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

17 Do you support an amendment to remove the governor's authority to veto line  
18 items in an appropriation bill? (Repeals Article IV, Section 5(G))

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes the governor's authority to veto line items in an appropriation bill

Present constitution provides that the governor may veto any line item in an appropriation bill. Present constitution provides that any item vetoed shall be void unless the veto is overridden as prescribed for the passage of a bill over a veto. Further the governor shall veto line items or use means provided in the bill so that total appropriations for the year shall not exceed anticipated revenues for that year. (Note: Separate constitutional provisions (Art. X, §13 and §51) protect amounts appropriated to State Civil Service, the Department of State Civil Service, and State Police Service from veto.)

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals the provision authorizing the governor to veto any line item in an appropriation bill.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 24, 2015.

(Repeals Const. Art. IV, §5(G))