

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 257 (SB 122)

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Present constitution in Article VII, Section 10.3 and prior law establish the Budget Stabilization Fund in the state treasury. It provides that monies shall be deposited into the fund as follows:

- (1) All money available for appropriation from the state general fund and dedicated funds in excess of the expenditure limit (excluding severance and royalty payments to eligible local governments).
- (2) All revenues received in each fiscal year by the state in excess of \$850 million (originally \$750 million), referred to as the base, as a result of recurring mineral revenues, any revenues received by the state as a result of grants or donations, and revenues derived from any tax on the transportation of minerals.

Present constitution and prior law provide that the base may be increased every 10 years beginning in the year 2000 by a law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature. Such increase shall not exceed 50% in the aggregate of the increase in the consumer price index for the immediately preceding ten years. The original constitutional amount of \$750 million was changed to \$850 million in 2004 as provided by law.

New law retains prior law but increases the base from \$850 million to \$950 million; requires a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 29, 2015).

(Amends R.S. 39:94(A)(2)(a)(intro para))