

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 473 (SB 202)

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Present constitution establishes the Budget Stabilization Fund in the state treasury. Proposed constitutional amendment changes name of the fund from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the Budget and Transportation Stabilization Trust (the Trust) in constitution.

Present constitution provides for deposits of mineral revenues in the Budget Stabilization Fund in excess of the base and authorizes the base to be increased every 10 years by a law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature. Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution except it changes the time period for the base to be increased, beginning in 2014, from 10 years to five years.

Proposed constitutional amendment creates the Budget Stabilization Subfund and the Transportation Stabilization Subfund in the Budget and Transportation Stabilization Trust and provides that at the beginning of each fiscal year, mineral revenues shall be allocated and deposited into the subfunds as follows:

- (1) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2015-2016, mineral revenues in excess of the base shall be deposited in the Budget Stabilization Subfund until the balance in the fund equals and shall be maintained in the amount of \$500 million.
- (2) Once the balance in the Budget Stabilization Subfund equals \$500 million, mineral revenues shall be deposited into the Transportation Stabilization Subfund at the beginning of the next fiscal year until the balance in the Transportation Stabilization Subfund equals and shall be maintained in the amount of \$500 million. Thereafter, any excess mineral revenues shall be deposited into the state general fund. The legislature may appropriate additional monies into either the Budget Stabilization Subfund or the Transportation Stabilization Subfund.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that monies in the Transportation Stabilization Subfund shall be appropriated by the legislature and used solely and exclusively for planning, design, construction, and maintenance connected with the state highway program, provided that at least 20% of the funds appropriated from the Transportation Stabilization Subfund shall be used only for the Louisiana Intermodal Connector Program within DOTD.

- (3) No deposit of mineral revenues shall be made in any fiscal year in which money in the fund is appropriated for use or incorporated into the official forecast or in the ensuing fiscal year, except by specific appropriation by the legislature.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the electors of the state at the statewide election to be held on October 24, 2015.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, Sec. 10(D)(2)(d), 10.3(A)(intro para) and (A)(2)(a)(intro para) and (b), and 10.5(B); adds Art. VII, Sec. 10.3(A)(2)(c))