HLS 11RS-327 ORIGINAL

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 211

1

BY REPRESENTATIVES GEYMANN AND MORRIS

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

BUDGETARY CONTROLS: (Constitutional Amendment) Limits the growth factor used to determine the expenditure limit to three percent

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2	Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10(C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to limit
3	the growth factor used to determine the expenditure limit; to provide for submission
4	of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.
5	Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
6	elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
7	Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
8	amend Article VII, Section 10(C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
9	§10. Expenditure of State Funds
10	Section 10.(A)
11	* * *
12	(C) Expenditure Limit. (1) The legislature shall provide for the
13	determination of an expenditure limit for each fiscal year to be established during the
14	first quarter of the calendar year for the next fiscal year. However, the expenditure
15	limit for the 1991-1992 Fiscal Year shall be the actual appropriations from the state
16	general fund and dedicated funds for that year except funds allocated by Article VII,
17	Section 4, Paragraphs (D) and (E). For subsequent fiscal years, the limit shall not
18	exceed the expenditure limit for the current fiscal year plus an amount equal to that
19	limit times a positive growth factor. The growth factor is the lesser of three percent
20	or the average annual percentage rate of change of personal income for Louisiana as

Page 1 of 2

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1 defined and reported by the United States Department of Commerce for the three 2 calendar years prior to the fiscal year for which the limit is calculated. 3 4 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 22, 5 6 2011. 7 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election 8 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall 9 10 read as follows: 11 Limits annual growth of the expenditure limit to three percent. (Amends

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Geymann HB No. 211

Abstract: Limits annual growth of the expenditure limit to 3%.

Article VII, Section 10(C)(1)

<u>Present constitution</u> provides for an annual expenditure limit and provides that the next fiscal year's limit shall not exceed the expenditure limit for the current fiscal year plus an amount equal to that limit times a positive growth factor.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> retains <u>present constitution</u>.

<u>Present constitution</u> sets the growth factor as the average annual percentage rate of change of personal income for Louisiana as defined and reported by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce for the three calendar years prior to the fiscal year for which the limit is calculated.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that the growth factor shall be the lesser of 3% or the growth factor as provided in the <u>present constitution</u>.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 22, 2011.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §10(C)(1))

12