

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 222

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

EDUCATION/FINANCE: (Constitutional Amendment) Prohibits the supplanting of state funds for tuition and fee increases for institutions of higher education

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 12 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for
3 appropriations for higher education; to prohibit the displacement of certain
4 appropriated amounts in certain fiscal years; to provide for submission of the
5 proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related 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
9 amend Article VIII, Section 12 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §12. Appropriations; Higher Education

11 Section 12.(A) Appropriations for the institutions of higher education shall
12 be made to their managing boards. The funds appropriated shall be administered by
13 the managing boards and used solely as provided by law.

14 (B) In any fiscal year in which the fees and self-generated revenues
15 appropriated for higher education from tuition and mandatory fee amounts are
16 greater than the fees and self-generated revenues appropriated from tuition and
17 mandatory fee amounts in the prior fiscal year, the additional fees and self-generated
18 revenues shall not be used to displace, replace, or supplant the amount appropriated
19 for higher education from the state general fund and dedicated funds.

1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
3 2014.

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

8 Do you support an amendment to prohibit the displacement, replacement, or
9 supplanting of funds appropriated for higher education from the state general
10 fund and dedicated funds if fees and self-generated revenues appropriated for
11 higher education from tuition and mandatory fee amounts are greater than the
12 fees and self-generated revenues appropriated from tuition and mandatory fee
13 amounts in the prior fiscal year? (Amends Article VIII, Section 12)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the displacement, replacement, or supplanting of funds appropriated for higher education from the state general fund and dedicated funds if fees and self-generated revenues appropriated for higher education from tuition and mandatory fee amounts are more in the prior fiscal year.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that in any fiscal year in which the fees and self-generated revenues appropriated for higher education from tuition and mandatory fee amounts are greater than the appropriation of such funds in the prior fiscal year, the additional fees and self-generated revenues shall not displace, replace, or supplant the amount appropriated for higher education from the state general fund and dedicated funds.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §12)