

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 716

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAY MORRIS

FUNDS/FUNDING: Establishes the Mineral Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund for the deposit of mineral revenues and provides for the dedication of mineral revenues

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:94(A)(2) and R.S. 49:214.5.4(D)(1) and to enact Subpart P-4  
3 of Part II-A of Chapter I of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of  
4 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.111, relative to dedications of mineral  
5 revenues; to create the Mineral Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund; to provide for  
6 deposits into the funds; to provide for investments of the fund; to provide for uses  
7 of the fund; to provide for deposits into the Budget Stabilization Fund and the  
8 Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide  
9 for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 39:94(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and Subpart P-4 of  
12 Part II-A of Chapter I of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to  
13 be comprised of R.S. 39:100.111 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §94. Budget Stabilization Fund

15 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special fund to be  
16 designated as the Budget Stabilization Fund, hereafter referred to in this Section as  
17 the "fund", which shall consist of all money deposited into the fund in accordance  
18 with Article VII, Section 10.3 of the Constitution of Louisiana. Money shall be  
19 deposited in the fund as follows:

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1 revenues into the state general fund. The deposit of mineral revenues into the fund  
2 shall exclude the following allocations:

3 (1) To the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII,  
4 Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

5 (2) To the political subdivisions of the state as provided in Article VII,  
6 Sections 4 (D) and (E) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

7 (3) To the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund as provided  
8 by the requirements of Article VII, Section 10-A of the Constitution of Louisiana and  
9 R.S. 47:324, R.S. 56:799, and R.S.56:799.3.

10 (4) To the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund and the Oil  
11 and Gas Regulatory Fund as provided in R.S. 30:136.1(D).

12 (5) To the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund as  
13 provided in R.S. 56:797.

14 (6) To the Marsh Island Operating Fund and the Russell Sage or Marsh  
15 Island Refuge Fund as provided in R.S. 56:798.

16 (7) To the MC Davis Conservation Fund as provided in R.S. 56:799.

17 (8) To the White Lake Property Fund as provided in R.S.56:799.3.

18 (9) To the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund and Louisiana Education  
19 Quality Support Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 10.1 of the Constitution of  
20 Louisiana.

21 (10) To the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund as provided in Article  
22 VII, Section 10.2 of the Constitution of Louisiana and R.S. 49:214.5.4.

23 (11) To the Mineral Revenue and Audit Settlement Fund as provided in  
24 Article VII, Section 10.5 of the Constitution of Louisiana and R.S. 39:97.

25 (12) To the Budget Stabilization Fund as provided in Article VII, Section  
26 10.3 of the Constitution of Louisiana and R.S. 39:94.

27 B. Mineral revenues deposited into the the Mineral Revenue Stabilization  
28 Trust Fund shall be permanently credited to the fund and shall be invested by the  
29 treasurer in the same manner as investments of the Millennium Trust, as provided

1 in R.S. 39:98.2. For Fiscal Year 2017-2018 through Fiscal Year 2021-2022, one  
2 hundred percent of the annual earnings on investments in the fund shall be credited  
3 to the fund. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2022-2023, twenty-five percent of the annual  
4 earnings from investment on the fund shall be credited to the fund.

5 C.(1) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2022-2023, annual appropriations from the  
6 Mineral Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund shall be made only from seventy-five  
7 percent of the annual earnings on investment in the fund. Appropriations from the  
8 fund shall be made as follows:

9 (a) Fifty percent for capital outlay projects in the comprehensive state capital  
10 budget.

11 (b) Fifty percent for expenses of public postsecondary institutions of higher  
12 education.

13 (2) The annual earnings on investment in the fund shall not be pledged  
14 towards the repayment of bonded indebtedness.

15 D. For purposes of this Section, mineral revenues shall include severance  
16 taxes, royalty payments, bonus payments, or rentals, with the following exceptions:

17 (1) Revenues designated as nonrecurring pursuant to Article VII, Section  
18 10(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

19 (2) Revenues received by the state as a result of grants or donations when the  
20 terms or conditions thereof require otherwise.

21 (3) Revenues derived from any tax on the transportation of minerals.

22 Section 2. R.S. 49:214.5.4(D)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
23 follows:

24 §214.5.4. Funding and resource allocation

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26 D. After making the allocations and deposits as provided for in Subsections  
27 B and C of this Section, the treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the fund as  
28 follows:



- (9) The Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund and the Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund (the "8g Fund").
- (10) The Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund.
- (11) The Mineral Revenue and Audit Settlement Fund.
- (12) The Budget Stabilization Fund.

Proposed law provides for the investment of money in the Mineral Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund in the same manner as investments of the Millennium Trust provided in present law. Further provides that for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2022, 100% of the annual earnings on investments in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2023, 25% of the annual earnings from investments on the fund be credited to the fund.

Proposed law provides beginning in Fiscal Year 2023, 75% of the annual earnings on investments in the fund shall be appropriated for the following:

- (1) 50% for capital outlay projects in the comprehensive state capital budget.
- (2) 50% percent for expenses of public postsecondary institutions of higher education.

Further prohibits the annual earnings on investment in the fund from being pledged towards the repayment of bonded indebtedness.

Present law establishes the Budget Stabilization Fund and provides for various deposits into the fund including mineral revenues collected by the state over a base amount of \$950 million.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes the deposit of mineral revenues collected by the state from over a base amount of \$950 million to an amount not to exceed \$200 million.

Proposed constitutional amendment further eliminates the reference to a base and the authorization for increases to the base every 10 years.

Present law provides for deposits of mineral revenues into the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund including 2% of revenues after allocations to parishes in which the natural resources were collected. Further, the dedication to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund is reduced by other deposits into the fund required by present law.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that beginning in Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the annual deposit shall not exceed the amount deposited in Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Article 7 of the Constitution of La. contained in the Act which originated as House Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ of this 2016 R.S. of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 39:94(A)(2) and R.S. 49:214.5.4(D)(1); Adds R.S. 39:100.111)