

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

WHEREAS, the expenditure limit provided for in Article VII, Section 10(C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 is established as \$14,805,436,238; and

WHEREAS, the state budget document for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 shows that the official expenditure limit of \$14,616,943,593 was \$1,421,015,516 over the applicable expenditures after anticipated adjustments, which amounted to \$13,195,928,077; and

WHEREAS, if expenditure growth for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was based on applicable expenditures after adjustments, and the growth rate was 3%, the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 would be \$13,591,805,919; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana prohibits appropriations from the state general fund and dedicated funds, except funds allocated by Article VII, Section 4, Paragraphs (D) and (E), in excess of the expenditure limit; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10.3(A)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana requires that all money available for appropriation from the state general fund and dedicated funds in excess of the expenditure limit, except funds allocated by Article VII, Section 4, Paragraphs (D) and (E), shall be deposited into the Budget Stabilization Fund; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10(C)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that the expenditure limit may be changed in any fiscal year by a favorable vote of two-thirds

of the elected members of each house and that any such change in the expenditure limit shall be approved by the passage of a specific legislative instrument which clearly states the intent to change the limit; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 39:52.1 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that a change to the expenditure limit shall be made pursuant to a concurrent resolution adopted by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house directing the commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit to a designated amount for a specified fiscal year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the elected members of each house concurring, does hereby direct the commissioner of administration to change the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 from \$14,805,436,238 to \$13,591,805,919.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution shall be construed to affect the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and thereafter in accordance with Article VII, Section 10(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE