A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10(C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the expenditure limit; to provide for the method of determining the expenditure limit; to limit the growth of the expenditure limit; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 10(C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§10. Expenditure of State Funds

Section 10.

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(C) Expenditure Limit. (1) The legislature shall provide for the determination of an expenditure limit for each fiscal year to be established during the first quarter of the calendar year for the next fiscal year. However, the expenditure limit for the 1991-1992 Fiscal Year shall be the actual appropriations from the state general fund and dedicated funds for that year except funds allocated by Article VII, Section 4, Paragraphs (D) and (E). For subsequent fiscal years, the limit shall not exceed the expenditure limit for the current fiscal year plus an amount equal to that limit times a positive growth factor be as provided for by law. The growth factor is

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the average annual percentage rate of change of personal income for Louisiana as
defined and reported by the United States Department of Commerce for the three
calendar years prior to the fiscal year for which the limit is calculated legislature
shall establish by law a procedure to determine the expenditure limit. The procedure
shall not provide for growth in the expenditure limit of more than five percent in any
year. Once established by law, the procedure to determine the expenditure limit shall
not be changed except by a law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each
house of the legislature.

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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 November 3,
2020.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in
this Joint Resolution shall become effective on June 30, 2022.

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

Do you support an amendment to limit the growth of the expenditure limit
for the state general fund and dedicated funds and to remove the calculation
of its growth factor from the Constitution? (Effective June 30, 2022)

(Amends Article VII, Section 10(C)(1))

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE