

Regular Session, 2004

SENATE BILL NO. 44

BY SENATOR NEVERS AND REPRESENTATIVE STRAIN

FUNDS/FUNDING. Constitutional amendment creating the Dairy Farmer Support Fund.
(2/3-CA13s1(A))

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to add Article VII, Section 10.12 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to
3 providing funds for the support of dairy farmers; to establish the Dairy Farmer
4 Support Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for sources of
5 revenue, and for deposit and uses of monies in the fund; to authorize the legislature
6 by law to establish and implement programs to assist Louisiana dairy farmers; to
7 specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot
8 proposition; and to provide for related matters.

9 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
10 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for
11 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article VII,
12 Section 10.12 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

13 §10.12. Dairy farmer support program; Dairy Farmer Support Fund

14 **Article VII, Section 10.12 is all proposed new law.**

15 A. The Dairy Farmer Support Fund is hereby established in the state treasury
16 as a special fund. The source of monies in this fund shall be any monies received from
17 the licensing, by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, of trademarks or labels

1 for use in promoting Louisiana dairy products; grants, gifts, and donations received
2 by the state for the purposes of this Section; any other revenues as may be provided
3 by law; and other monies which may be appropriated by the legislature to the fund.

4 B. The monies in the Dairy Farmer Support Fund shall be appropriated by the
5 legislature to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and shall be used solely for
6 the programs and purposes as required by law of Louisiana dairy farmer support to
7 sustain or expand dairy operations in this state.

8 C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to or affect funds allocated
9 by Article VII, Section 4, Paragraphs (D) and (E).

10 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to
11 the electors of the state at the statewide election to be held on November 2, 2004.

12 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election
13 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to
14 vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read
15 as follows:

16 To authorize the legislature by law to establish and implement programs to
17 assist Louisiana dairy farmers in sustaining or expanding their dairy
18 operations; to establish the Dairy Farmer Support Fund as a special fund in the
19 state treasury; and to provide for sources of monies in the fund and uses of the
20 fund. (Adds Article VII, Section 10.12)

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of
the legislative instrument, were prepared by Todd Parker.

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DIGEST

Proposed constitutional amendment establishes the Dairy Farmer Support Fund as a special treasury fund and provides for sources and use of monies in the fund. Authorizes the legislature to provide by law for the implementation of proposed constitutional amendment, including uses of the fund and programs to assist Louisiana dairy farmers in sustaining or expanding their dairy operations.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 2, 2004.

(Adds Const. Art. VII, §10.12)