

SB 44 BY SENATOR NEVERS

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

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Expands application of the program from dairy farmers to Louisiana farmers and fishermen.
2. Changed the name of the special treasury fund from the Dairy Farmer Support Fund to the Agricultural and Seafood Products Support Fund.
3. Clarifies that all monies received by the state from licensing of trademarks or labels for use in promoting Louisiana agricultural and seafood products will go into the Fund.
4. Monies in the fund may be appropriated solely for programs and purposes as required by the Department of Economic Development to provide assistance to farmers and fishermen for the support and expansion of the farming and fishing industries in the state.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS IT LEFT THE SENATE

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)

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