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HOUSE BILL NO. 477

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HIGHER EDUCATION: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to
appropriations for certain higher education institutions

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 7.1(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide relative to state general fund appropriations for certain higher education institutions; to prohibit the reduction of such appropriations below certain amounts under certain circumstances; 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 VIII, Section 7.1(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§7.1. Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges

Section 7.1.

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(D) Transitional Funding. (1)(a) Appropriations annually from the state general fund for Fiscal Years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and

1 2001-2002, for those institutions of higher education supervised and
2 managed in 1998 by each of the management boards of higher
3 education, that is the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State
4 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of
5 Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical
6 College, and the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities,
7 respectively, shall be no less than the appropriations from the state
8 general fund in Fiscal Year 1998-1999 for those same institutions of
9 higher education regardless of their management boards.

10 **(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsubparagraph (a) of**
11 **this Subparagraph, in any fiscal year in which a community college**
12 **begins holding classes in a parish and for five years thereafter,**
13 **appropriations from the state general fund for each public institution of**
14 **higher education supervised and managed by each of the management**
15 **boards as provided by Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph which**
16 **is located in that parish or in a parish contiguous to that parish shall be**
17 **no less than the appropriations from the state general fund for that**
18 **institution in Fiscal Year 1998-1999 or in the year immediately prior**
19 **to the year in which the community college begins holding classes in**
20 **such parish, whichever is greater.**

21 **(2)** Appropriations annually from the state general fund for
22 Fiscal Years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, for those
23 institutions in the Louisiana Community and Technical College System
24 shall be no less than the state general fund appropriations in Fiscal
25 Year 1998-1999 for those same institutions regardless of their
26 management boards.

1 (3) Appropriations annually from the state general fund for
2 Fiscal Years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, for postsecondary
3 vocational-technical education shall be no less than the total of all
4 appropriations for such purpose from the state general fund for Fiscal
5 Year 1998-1999.

6 (4) The provisions of this Paragraph shall be null and void for
7 any such fiscal year in which state general fund revenues are less than
8 the state general fund revenues of Fiscal Year 1998-1999 as determined
9 by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

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11 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
12 submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the gubernatorial primary
13 election to be held in 1999.

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

18 To prohibit the reduction of state general fund appropriations
19 below certain amounts for public institutions of higher
20 education located in a parish in which a community college
21 begins holding classes in that parish or, in a parish contiguous
22 to such parish, until the sixth year after the year in which such
23 classes begin. (Amends Article VIII, Section 7.1(D))

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscoring are additions.

DIGEST

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Present constitution provides for appropriations annually from the state general fund for FYs 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002 as follows:

- (1) For those institutions of higher education supervised and managed in 1998 by each of the management boards of higher education, that is the LSU Board of Supervisors, the Southern University Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities, shall be no less than the appropriations from the state general fund in FY 1998-1999 for those same institutions of higher education regardless of their management boards.
- (2) For those institutions in the La. Community and Technical College System shall be no less than the state general fund appropriations in FY 1998-1999 for those same institutions regardless of their management boards.
- (3) For postsecondary vocational-technical education shall be no less than the total of all appropriations for such purpose from the state general fund for FY 1998-1999.

Provides that these provisions are null for any such fiscal year in which state general fund revenues are less than the state general fund revenues of FY 1998-1999 as determined by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and adds that notwithstanding the provisions of (1) above, in any fiscal year in which a community college begins holding classes in a parish and for five years thereafter, appropriations from the state general fund for each public institution of higher education located in the same parish or in a parish contiguous to such parish shall be no less than the appropriations from the state general fund for that institution in FY 1998-1999 or in the year immediately prior to the year in which the community college begins holding classes in a parish, whichever is greater.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the gubernatorial primary election in 1999.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §7.1(D))