

Existing 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 existing 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 three 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 the parish, whichever is greater.

Proposed constitutional amendment also provides that no public institution of higher learning that is so protected from a reduction in its appropriation shall have an implementation level greater than one hundred per cent of the formula promulgated by the Board of Regents.

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

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §7.1(D))