

Regular Session, 1997

HOUSE BILL NO. 852

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH

INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD: (Constitutional Amendment) Allows IEB to appropriate funds to avert an impending emergency as defined by law

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 7(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the Interim Emergency Board; to allow the board to appropriate funds to avert an impending emergency; 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 7(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§7. State Debt; Interim Emergency Board

Section 7.

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(B) Powers. Between sessions of the legislature, when the board by majority vote determines that an emergency or impending emergency exists, it may appropriate from the state general fund or



fund monies to meet an emergency if such appropriation is approved by 2/3 vote of the legislature.

Proposed constitutional amendment adds to authority of the board the authority to appropriate to avert an impending emergency. Provides that the legislature shall define an impending emergency.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the congressional primary election in 1998.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §7(B))