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DIGEST

Appel (SB 183)

Present constitution provides that any new fee or civil fine or increase in an existing fee or civil fine imposed or assessed by the state or any board, department, or agency of the state requires the enactment of a law by a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Present constitution further specifies that the present constitution limitations do not apply to any department that is constitutionally created and headed by an officer who is elected by majority vote of the electorate of the state.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution but provides that the present constitution limitations do not apply to an increase in tuition, as defined by law, or to the imposition of a new fee or a fee increase to be charged at a public postsecondary education institution.

Proposed law requires that an amount in excess of five percent in any calendar year, shall require the enactment of a law by a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 2, 2010.

(Adds Const. Art. VII, Sec. 2.1(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Changes the applicability of the proposed constitutional amendment from being applicable only to those public institutions that have been designated as "research" universities to being applicable to all public postsecondary education institutions.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Requires two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature when tuition or fees are in excess of 5% in any calendar year.