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1	A JOINT RESOLUTION
2	Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10(F)(2)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to
3	enact Article VII, Section 10(F)(4)(h), (i), (j), (k), and (l) of the Constitution of
4	Louisiana, relative to eliminating deficits in the current and ensuing fiscal year; to
5	revise the circumstances that would allow the reduction of constitutionally protected
6	expenditures and reductions to eliminate a projected deficit in an ensuing fiscal year;
7	to provide for additional exceptions; to provide and to specify an election for
8	submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.
9	Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
10	elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for
11	their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII,
12	Section 10(F)(2)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to enact Article VII, Section
13	10(F)(4)(h), (i), (j), (k), and (l) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
14	§10. Expenditure of State Funds
15	Section 10.
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17	(F) Projected Deficit.
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19	(2)
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21	(b)(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution to the contrary,
22	for the purposes of the budget estimate and enactment of the budget for the next
23	fiscal year, when the official forecast of recurring revenues for the next fiscal year
24	is at least one percent less than the official forecast for the current fiscal year, or at

any time when the official forecast of recurring revenues for the next fiscal year

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1	has been reduced by at least one percent from the most recently adopted
2	estimate for the ensuing fiscal year, the following procedure procedures may be
3	employed to avoid a budget deficit in the next fiscal year-:
4	(aa) An amount not to exceed five percent of the total appropriations or
5	allocations for the current fiscal year from any fund established by law or this
6	constitution shall be available for expenditure in the next fiscal year for a purpose
7	other than as specifically provided by law or this constitution.
8	(bb) An amount not to exceed one percent of the balance in the current
9	fiscal year from any fund established by this constitution shall be available in
10	the next fiscal year for a purpose other than as specifically provided by law or
11	this constitution.
12	(ii) For the purposes of this Subsubparagraph, an amount not to exceed one
13	percent of the current fiscal year appropriation for expenditures required by Article
14	VIII, Section 13(B) of this constitution shall be available for expenditures for other
15	purposes in the next fiscal year. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
16	constitution to the contrary, monies made available as authorized under this
17	Subsubparagraph may be transferred to a fund for which revenues have been forecast
18	to be less than the revenues in the current fiscal year for such fund, or at any time
19	when the official forecast of recurring revenues for the next fiscal year has been
20	reduced by at least one percent from the most recently adopted estimate for the

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(4) The provisions of Subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this Paragraph shall not be applicable to, nor affect:

ensuing fiscal year. Monies transferred as a result of the budget actions authorized

by this Subsubparagraph are deemed available for appropriation and expenditure, but

in no event shall the aggregate amount of any such transfers exceed the amount of

the difference between the official forecast for the current fiscal year and the next

fiscal year projected deficit for the next fiscal year due to the reduction in the

official forecast as contained in this Subsubparagraph.

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1	(n) Monies in the Coastai Protection and Restoration Fund as provided
2	in Article VII, Section 10.2 of this constitution.
3	(i) Any healthcare provider fees or assessments in the Hospital
4	Stabilization Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 10.13 of this constitution,
5	or the Louisiana Medical Assistance Trust Fund as provided in Article VII,
6	Section 10.14 of this constitution.
7	(j) Funds in the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund as provided in Article VII,
8	Section 10.6 of this constitution.
9	(k) Funds in the Conservation Fund as provided in Article VII, Section
10	10-A of this constitution.
11	(1) Supplements to the salaries of full-time local law enforcement and fire
12	protection officers as provided in Article VII, Section 10(D)(3) of this
13	constitution.
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15	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
16	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8,
17	2016.
18	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
19	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
20	to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
21	follows:
22	Do you support an amendment to authorize the use of up to five percent of
23	current year appropriations or allocations from statutorily or certain
24	constitutionally created funds or up to one percent of the current year's
25	balances in certain constitutionally created funds to eliminate a projected
26	deficit in the next fiscal year if the official forecast for the next fiscal year is
27	less than the official forecast for the current fiscal year or if the official
28	forecast has been reduced by at least one percent from the most recently
29	adopted estimate for the ensuing fiscal year, and to exempt certain funds and
30	mandates from being used to eliminate a projected deficit?

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