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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Clarifies that present law authorizing a local governing authority to amend an annual budget proposed by the chief executive or administrative officer does not apply to Lawrason Act municipalities.

Present law establishes a process for local governments to use in the preparation and adoption of an annual budget. Requires the chief executive or administrative officer of the local government to prepare a proposed budget and submit it to the governing authority. Authorizes the governing authority to amend the proposed budget and associated budget instrument unless otherwise provided by an ordinance or home rule charter. Provides that present law does not apply to municipalities governed by the mayor-board of aldermen form of government (the Lawrason Act).

Proposed law retains present law but specifies that municipalities governed by the Lawrason Act may amend the proposed budget and associated budget instrument only to the extent the amendments do not substantially change the documents.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 39:1305(F))