

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 518

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOKES

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for matters which may be considered in a regular session convening in an odd-numbered year

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative
3 to regular sessions of the legislature; to provide for the consideration of certain
4 matters during certain regular sessions; to provide for submission of the proposed
5 amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
8 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
9 amend Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §2. Sessions

11 Section 2.(A) Annual Session.

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13 (4)

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15 (b) During any session convening in an odd-numbered year, no matter
16 intended to have the effect of law, including any suspension of law, shall be
17 introduced or considered unless its object is to enact the General Appropriation Bill;
18 enact the comprehensive capital budget; make an appropriation; ~~levy or authorize a~~

DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows the consideration of any legislation regarding taxes or the dedication of revenue during a regular session convening in an odd-numbered year.

Present constitution provides that during any session convening in an odd-numbered year, no matter shall be introduced or considered unless its object is to enact the General Appropriation Bill or the comprehensive capital budget, to make an appropriation, levy or authorize a new tax, increase an existing tax, levy, authorize, increase, decrease, or repeal a fee, dedicate revenue, legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, or credits, or legislate with regard to the issuance of bonds. Provides exceptions to this subject matter limitation.

Proposed constitutional amendment regarding the subject matters which may be considered during a regular session convening in an odd-numbered year, replaces "dedicate revenue" with the broader "legislate with regard to the dedication of revenue" and replaces "levy or authorize a new tax, increase an existing tax, and legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, or credits" with the broader "legislate with regard to taxes" and otherwise retains present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 24, 2015.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §2(A)(4)(b))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Remove the proposed additions of tax abatements, incentives, and rebates and tax administration, collection, imputation, and reporting to the subject matter jurisdiction of the regular session convening in an odd-numbered year.
2. Change "dedicate revenue" to "legislate with regard to the dedication of revenue" and change "levy or authorize a new tax, increase an existing tax, and legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, or credits" to "legislate with regard to taxes" in the subject matter jurisdiction regular session convening in an odd-numbered year.
3. Make conforming changes to the ballot language.