

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 518

2015 Regular Session

Stokes

June 8, 2015

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 518 by Representative Stokes, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Senator Morrell and adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2015, be adopted.
- 2. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 proposed by Senator Morrell and adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2015, be rejected.
- 3. That the following amendments to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 22 through 26 and insert the following:

"Do you support an amendment to allow any legislation regarding the dedication of revenue, rebates, and taxes to be considered during a fiscal legislative session? (Amends Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b))"

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Julie Stokes

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Senator "Jody" Amedee

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Representative Timothy G. Burns

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Senator Jean-Paul J. Morrell

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Representative Barry Ivey

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Senator John A. Alario, Jr.

DIGEST

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

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

**Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Add legislating with regard to rebates to the subject matters which may be considered during a regular session convening in an odd-numbered year.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Change the ballot language to "Do you support an amendment to allow any legislation regarding the dedication of revenue, rebates, and taxes to be considered during a fiscal legislative session?"

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

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". Further specifically adds legislating with regard to rebates to the subject matters which may be considered during a regular session in an odd-numbered year. 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))