
DIGEST

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SB No. 171

Present law establishes the Budget Stabilization Fund in the state treasury and provides the following revenues are to be deposited into the fund:

- (1) Monies available for appropriation in excess of the expenditure limit.
- (2) All mineral revenues received by the state in each fiscal year in excess of the base, which, by legislative act, was increased to \$850 million.
- (3) 25% of any monies recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference as nonrecurring.
- (4) Any other monies appropriated to the fund by the legislature including the balance of any monies declared to be nonrecurring.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law permits up to 1/3 of the Budget Stabilization Fund, subject to 2/3 approval of each house of the legislature, to be incorporated in the next fiscal year's official forecast if revenue estimates for the next fiscal year are less than the official forecast for the current fiscal year. Present law further permits up to 1/3 of the Budget Stabilization Fund, subject to 2/3 approval of each house of the legislature, to be appropriated for the current fiscal year budget if a deficit for the current fiscal year is projected due to a decrease in the official forecast.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that, except pursuant to a specific appropriation by the legislature, no appropriation or deposit to the fund shall be made in the same fiscal year as an appropriation, use or withdrawal is made from the fund or until such time as the official forecast exceeds the actual collections of state general fund (direct) revenue for fiscal year 2008.

Proposed law provides that if the balance in the fund is at its maximum during the fiscal year and money in the fund is made available for appropriation or use as provided in present law, no deposit to the fund of mineral revenues shall be made in the fiscal year for which money in the fund is appropriated or for which money in the fund is incorporated into the official forecast nor for the ensuing fiscal year. Proposed law further provides that all other deposits, except mineral revenues, shall continue to be made to the fund in the fiscal year for which money in the fund is appropriated or incorporated into the official forecast or for the ensuing fiscal year.

Section 1 of proposed law becomes effective and operative if the amendment of Article VII, Section 10.3(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which originated as SB 147 of the 2011 RS is adopted at the statewide election to be held on October 22, 2011, and at the same time as such proposed amendment becomes effective. Sections 2 and 3 of the Act, which are the effective date provisions, become effective on July 1, 2011.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the reengrossed bill.

1. Revises circumstances when deposits of mineral revenues do not have to be made into the fund.