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April 18, 2007

BY HAND

Honorable Charles C. Foti, Jr.
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Re: Request for Opinion of the Attorney General
Article VII, §10(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana

Dear General Foti:

We write to request an opinion of your office with respect to legislative action to change the state expenditure limit as provided in Article VII, §10(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana. In light of the proximity of the upcoming legislative session, your expedited review of this request would be greatly appreciated.

1. Can the expenditure limit for the current fiscal year and the prospective fiscal year be changed within the same legislative instrument if the limit for the prospective year has already been established? Or, would two different instruments be necessary to change the expenditure limits for two different fiscal years?

2. Does a change in the expenditure limit for the current fiscal year cause a change in the expenditure limit for the prospective fiscal year if the limit for the prospective fiscal year has already been established?

For instance, would a reduction in the current year's expenditure limit force a "recalculation" of the prospective year's expenditure limit if the limit for the prospective year had already been established? Or, the converse, would an increase in the current year's expenditure limit force a "recalculation" of the prospective year's expenditure limit if the limit for the prospective year had already been established?

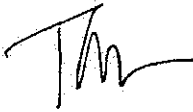
3. Does a change in the expenditure limit in a fiscal year affect the expenditure limits for the next and all future years?



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If you have any questions or need us to provide any additional information, please contact us at 225.342.6287.

Sincerely,



TOM SCHEDLER, CHAIRMAN
Senate Delegation



JIM TUCKER, CHAIRMAN
House Delegation

ON BEHALF OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN DELEGATION