
DIGEST

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HB No. 756

Abstract: Provides that the requirement for enactment of a law by a two-thirds vote of the legislature for the state to impose any new fee or increase in an existing fee shall not apply to new or increases in tuition amounts or mandatory fees imposed by a public postsecondary education management board, provided such imposition complies with policies adopted by the Board of Regents that are approved by the legislature in the manner provided by the legislature.

Present constitution provides that any new fee or civil fine or increase in an existing fee or civil fine imposed or assessed by the state or any board, department, or agency of the state shall require the enactment of a law by a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Specifies that present constitution limitations do not apply to any department which is constitutionally created and headed by an officer who is elected by majority vote of the electorate of the state.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution except specifies that present constitution limitations shall not apply to imposition of a new tuition amount or mandatory fee or the increase in a tuition amount or mandatory fee by a public postsecondary education management board, provided the imposition of such new or increased tuition amount or mandatory fee is in compliance with policies adopted by the Board of Regents relative such actions by the management board. Provides that such policies adopted by the Board of Regents shall be subject to approval by the legislature in the manner provided by the legislature.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2008.

(Adds Const. Art. VII, §2.1(C))