

RAID ON DEDICATED FUNDS

SB 1 by Chaisson. **FUND RAID.** Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase from 5 to 10% the amount that can be taken from dedicated funds, based on the amount appropriated or allocated from those funds, in any fiscal year when the state is experiencing a budget deficit of 1% or more and the budget has already been reduced by .7%; such dedicated funds so taken will be available for purposes other than for which they are dedicated. Same as HB 742. (Note: in the current Fiscal Year, the existing allowance of a 5% reduction has resulted in a reduction of the Conservation Fund by \$3,169,639. An increase in allowable transfers to 10% will double the potential loss to the Conservation Fund.)

SB 2 by Chaisson. **MORE FUND RAID.** Repeals the 5% limitation on cumulative dedicated fund reduction in any 2 consecutive years so that appropriation/allocation from those funds can be reduced each year by 5% (10% if the CA proposed by SB 1/HB 742 is approved), effective this year.

SB 34 by Chaisson. **MORE FUND RAID.** Enabling legislation for SB 1; also incorporates the provisions of SB 2 regarding removing the limitation on the cumulative depletion of dedicated funds and transfer to the state general fund and would go into effect upon signature of the Governor this year.

SB 267 by Michot. **FUND RAID/PROGRAM SUNSET.** Abolishes most funds dedicated by statute (such as the Duck Stamp Fund, Natural Heritage Trust Fund, Artificial Reef Fund, Oilfield Site Restoration Fund, Oil Spill Cleanup Fund, Environmental Trust Fund, etc.) and transfers the \$ in them to the state general fund; allows the \$ from such transferred funds (and any future \$ generated by the fees and taxes imposed to support the programs the dedicated funds were originally established to support) to be appropriated by the Legislature for any purpose of state government; requires each program supported by such dedicated funds to report annually on the activities and accomplishments of the program and to be reviewed every 4 years and terminated if the Legislature determines that the program is no longer worthy of continuation.

SB 300 by Michot. **FUND RAID 2.** Authorizes and directs the transfer, in aggregate, of 24,378,056 to the state general fund from statutory and constitutional dedications, including the following funds/accounts in the following amounts: Conservation Fund-\$3,169,639; Wildlife Habitat & Natural Heritage Trust-\$65,014; LA Duck License Stamp and Print Fund - \$21,825; Natural Heritage Account-\$1,800; Louisiana Wild Turkey Stamp Fund-\$ 3,743; Conservation of the Black Bear Account-\$ 2,180; Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account-\$1,981; Louisiana Environmental Education Fund-\$ 45,987; Louisiana Alligator Resource Fund-\$100,821; State Parks Improvement and Repair Fund-\$332,673; Oilfield Site Restoration Fund-\$277,388; Oil Spill Contingency Fund-\$209,752; Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund-\$18,399; Fur & Alligator Education-Marketing Fund-\$5,000; Reptile & Amphibian Research Fund-\$380; Oyster Development Fund-\$9,185; Shrimp Marketing & Promotion Account-\$9,256; Public Oyster Seed Ground Development Account-\$26,000; Shrimp Trade Petition Account-\$13,400; Crab Promotion and Marketing Account-\$250. These provisions were incorporated into HB 802 and SB 300 was deferred.