Present constitution permits adjustments in millage rates without voter approval under certain circumstances. Such millage rate increases require approval of two-thirds vote of the governing authority of the taxing authority at a public hearing held for such purpose.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law applies to any parish with a population between 230,000 and 250,000 according to the 2010 federal decennial census.

Proposed law provides that present law applies to any parish with a population between 245,000 and 265,000 according to the 2010 federal decennial census.

Present law provides that for all nonelected taxing authorities which are subject to the provisions of present law with respect to increases in millage rates without voter approval, the public hearings and public meetings at which a vote is to be taken on a proposed millage rate increase for the ensuing year above the rate levied for that millage in the immediately preceding year shall be scheduled as follows:

(1) The public hearings and public meetings shall be conducted at the location at which the parish governing authority regularly conducts its meetings.

(2) The parish governing authority shall establish a schedule of specific dates and times for the conduct of the public hearings and public meetings.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 47:1705.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Makes a technical change to include present law in the draft of the bill.