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Abstract: Authorizes levee districts created after January 1, 2006, to levy up to a five-mill tax without a vote of the people.

Present constitution authorizes levee districts created prior to Jan. 1, 2006, to levy a property tax of up to five mills, except that the Orleans Levee District may only levy up to a two and one-half mill tax.

Present constitution authorizes levee districts created after Jan. 1, 2006, to levy a property tax only if approved by a majority of electors of the district. Further, present constitution requires that if the district is comprised of more than one parish, the tax must be approved by a majority of electors in each parish.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes present constitution by authorizing any levee district created after Jan. 1, 2006, to levy a property tax of up to five mills without a vote of the people just as those districts created prior to Jan. 1, 2006, are authorized to do in the present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on Oct. 14, 2017.

(Amends Const. Art. VI, §39)