

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2017 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Allain to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 26 by Senator Morrell

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, change "Article VII, Section 21(F)" to "Section 21(F) and to add Section  
3 21(N) of Article VII"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, change "the industrial property tax exemption" to "exemptions from ad  
6 valorem taxation"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 4, change "an exemption" to "a complete exemption"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, line 5, after "taxes;" insert "to exempt inventory from ad valorem taxation over  
11 a ten-year period;"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 5

13 On page 1, lines 9 and 10, change "Article VII, Section 21(F)" to "Section 21(F) and to add  
14 Section 21(N) of Article VII"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 6

16 On page 2, line 8, after "exemption" insert "**except as otherwise provided by this**  
17 **Paragraph**"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 7

19 On page 2, delete lines 14 through 21, and insert:

20 **"(4)(a) For new contracts or contract renewals entered into pursuant to**  
21 **this Paragraph on or after January 1, 2019, the board may grant a partial**  
22 **exemption for ad valorem taxes dedicated to, levied by, or levied on behalf of a**  
23 **city school board, parish school board, or other local public school board. The**  
24 **contract or contract renewal shall provide for a minimum level of taxation such**  
25 **that the avails of any ad valorem taxes dedicated to, levied by, or levied on**  
26 **behalf of a city school board, parish school board, or other local public school**  
27 **board shall be no less than the avails of the city school board, parish school**  
28 **board, or other local public school board based on the millages applied to an**  
29 **assessed valuation based on the modified fair market value of the property. No**  
30 **other exemption may be granted for ad valorem taxes dedicated to, levied by,**  
31 **or levied on behalf of a city school board, parish school board, or other local**  
32 **public school board pursuant to this Paragraph.**

33 **(b) "Modified fair market value" means the fair market value of the**  
34 **property after eight years of use.**

35 **(c) The modified fair market value shall be determined in accordance**  
36 **with criteria that shall be established by the Louisiana Tax Commission and**  
37 **that shall apply uniformly throughout the state.**

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39 **(N)(1) Goods held in inventory shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes**  
40 **as follows:**

1 (a) Between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019, ten percent of the  
2 assessed valuation shall be exempt.

3 (b) Between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020, twenty percent of  
4 the assessed valuation shall be exempt.

5 (c) Between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, thirty percent of  
6 the assessed valuation shall be exempt.

7 (d) Between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022, forty percent of  
8 the assessed valuation shall be exempt.

9 (e) Between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, fifty percent of the  
10 assessed valuation shall be exempt.

11 (f) Between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, sixty percent of the  
12 assessed valuation shall be exempt.

13 (g) Between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, seventy percent of  
14 the assessed valuation shall be exempt.

15 (h) Between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026, eighty percent of  
16 the assessed valuation shall be exempt.

17 (i) Between January 1, 2027, and December 31, 2027, ninety percent of  
18 the assessed valuation shall be exempt.

19 (j) On and after January 1, 2028, all goods held in inventory shall be  
20 exempt from ad valorem taxation.

21 (2) A taxing authority may collect, in any year in which this exemption  
22 results in a decrease in the total amount of ad valorem taxes collected by the  
23 taxing authority, a larger dollar amount of ad valorem taxes by levying  
24 additional or increased millages as provided by law or by placing additional  
25 property on the tax rolls. Increases in the millage rate in excess of the rates  
26 established by Section 23, Paragraph (B) of this Article above but not in excess  
27 of the prior year's maximum authorized millage rate may be levied by a  
28 majority vote of the total membership of a taxing authority without further  
29 voter approval but only after a public hearing held in accordance with the open  
30 meetings law. In addition to any other requirements of the open meetings law,  
31 public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the hearing shall be  
32 published on two separate days no less than thirty days before the public  
33 hearing. The public notice shall be published in the official journal of the taxing  
34 authority, and in one other newspaper with a larger circulation than the official  
35 journal within the taxing authority, if there is one.

36 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to  
37 the electors of the state of Louisiana at the special election to be held on October 14, 2017,  
38 if authorized by law enacted at the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature, or if not so  
39 authorized, at the statewide election to be held on November 6, 2018."

40 AMENDMENT NO. 8

41 On page 2, delete lines 26 through 29, and insert:

42 "Do you support an amendment to phase out property taxes on inventory over  
43 ten years and to limit the ability of the Board of Commerce and Industry to exempt  
44 businesses from the payment of school board property taxes under the industrial tax  
45 exemption program?

46 (Amends Article VII, Section 21(F); adds Article VII, Section 21(N))"