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Present law establishes the mechanism by which ad valorem property tax millage rates are automatically adjusted in response to changes in the tax base resulting from reassessment or a change in the homestead exemption. Both the millage rate imposed in the year before the change in the base, as well as the maximum authorized millage rate, are adjusted so that the same amount of taxes is collected in the year after reappraisal as was collected in the prior year.

Present law authorizes an increase in a millage rate up to the prior year's maximum authorized rate by 2/3 vote of its governing body without voter approval. The maximum authorized rate is adjusted every four years due to statewide reassessment and may also be adjusted due to a change in the homestead exemption.

Proposed law allows a taxing authority to increase its millage rate up to any previous maximum authorized millage rate approved by the taxing authority's electors rather than the present law's maximum authorized rate in effect the prior year.

Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which originated as SB \_\_\_ of the 2020 RS is adopted at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2020, and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 47:1705(B)(1)(a) and (b)(i))