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HOUSE BILL NO. 370

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BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

TAX/AD VALOREM-EXEMPTION: (Constitutional Amendment) Establishes certain property tax exemptions for capital investment projects

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION 2 Proposing to enact Article VII, Section 21(O) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to 3 ad valorem property tax exemptions; to establish exemptions for certain property; to 4 establish exemptions for certain capital investment projects; to provide for the terms 5 of the exemptions; to provide for the amount of the exemptions; to provide 6 authorizations for approval of the exemptions; to provide for the administration of 7 the exemptions; to provide for review by the Board of Commerce and Industry; to 8 provide for approval from political subdivisions; to provide for gubernatorial 9 approval; to provide for certain limitations and requirements; to provide for 10 submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related 11 matters. 12 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members 13 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of 14 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add 15 Article VII, Section 21(O) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: 16 §21. Other Property Exemptions 17 Section 21. In addition to the homestead exemption provided for in Section 18 20 of this Article, the following property and no other shall be exempt from ad 19 valorem taxation:

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	(O) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Section, there are hereby
2	authorized standard, local, and executive exemptions from ad valorem property taxes
3	for capital investment projects as follows:
4	(1) The standard exemption shall be for a term of eight calendar years and
5	shall exempt eighty percent of the ad valorem property taxes of the capital
6	investment project. The standard exemption shall be reviewed by the Board of
7	Commerce and Industry, or its successor as provided by law, and shall be subject to
8	local approval as prescribed by law.
9	(2) The local exemption shall be for a term of no more than fifteen years and
10	may exempt up to one hundred percent of the property taxes of the capital investment
11	project. The local exemption shall be subject to local approval as prescribed by law.
12	(3) The executive exemption shall be for a term determined by the governor
13	and may exempt up to one hundred percent of the property taxes of the capital
14	investment project. The executive exemption shall require approval from the
15	governor and shall be subject to local approval as prescribed by law.
16	(4) The enactment of a law to administer any exemption authorized in this
17	Paragraph shall require a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each
18	house of the legislature.
19	(5) Any entity eligible for the exemption provided for in Paragraph (F) of
20	this Section shall not be eligible for the exemption provided for in this Paragraph.
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22	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
23	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8,
24	2022.
25	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
26	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
27	to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
28	follows:

Do you support an amendment to authorize property tax exemptions for capital investment projects, to provide for the approval, terms, and amounts of the exemptions, and to authorize the legislature to provide for the administration of the exemptions by law? (Adds Article VII, Section 21(O))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes standard, local, and executive property tax exemptions for capital investment projects when the projects meet eligibility and approval standards pursuant to law.

<u>Present constitution</u> authorizes a property tax exemption for new manufacturing establishments and additions to existing establishments for an initial term of five years, with a five-year renewal. The exemption is effectuated through a contract granted by the Board of Commerce and Industry, with the approval of the governor.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> authorizes three ad valorem property tax exemptions for capital investment projects as follows:

- (1) A standard exemption for a term of eight calendar years for 80% of property taxes. The exemption is subject to review by the Board of Commerce and Industry, and is subject to local approval as provided by law.
- (2) A local exemption for a term of no more than 15 calendar years for up to 100% of property taxes. The exemption is subject to local approval as provided by law.
- (3) An executive exemption for a term determined by the governor for up to 100% of property taxes. The exemption requires approval of the governor and is subject to local approval as provided by law.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> also requires that any law enacted to administer the new exemptions requires a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> prohibits entities eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption authorized pursuant to <u>present constitution</u> (Article VII, Section 21(F)) from being eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption in the proposed constitutional amendment.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2022.

(Adds Const. Art. VII, §21(O))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Ways and Means</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

- 1. Remove proposed changes to the industrial ad valorem tax exemption program.
- 2. Establish a new ad valorem tax exemption program for certain capital investment projects.
- 3. Prohibit entities eligible for the industrial ad valorem tax exemption program from eligibility for the new capital investment project tax exemption program.
- 4. Make technical changes.