The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

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<u>Present constitution</u> 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.

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

<u>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.</u>

<u>Present law</u> provides that for all nonelected taxing authorities which are subject to the provisions of <u>present law</u> 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 <u>present law</u> in the draft of the bill.