

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

TAX/PROPERTY: Requests a study of the practicality and feasibility of phasing-in property tax increases when a property's assessed value increases after reassessment by a percentage of less than fifty percent of the previous year's assessed value

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and request the chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the
3 chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to establish a joint
4 subcommittee composed of four members of the House Committee on Ways and
5 Means and three members of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs
6 to study the practicality and feasibility of phasing-in property tax increases when the
7 assessed value of property increases after the reassessment of the property by a
8 percentage of less than fifty percent of the previous year's assessed value, and to
9 report its findings and recommendations to the legislature prior to the convening of
10 the 2023 Regular Session.

11 WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana provides for the
12 assessment and classification of property subject to ad valorem taxation; and

13 WHEREAS, the constitution requires all property subject to taxation to be
14 reappraised and valued at intervals of not more than four years; and

15 WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 18(F)(2) requires a four-year phase-in of the
16 assessed value of immovable property following a statewide reappraisal of property if the
17 assessed value of the immovable property increases by an amount greater than fifty percent
18 of the property's assessed value in the previous year; and

19 WHEREAS, increases of less than fifty percent in the assessed value of property can
20 create hardships for Louisiana property owners who have limited financial resources or who
21 live on fixed incomes and can not afford large increases in ad valorem property taxes; and

1 WHEREAS, consideration should be given to circumstances where a lower threshold
2 of an increase in the assessed valuation of property would qualify for the four-year phase-in
3 of property taxes in order for property owners with limited financial means to maintain
4 ownership of their property; and

5 WHEREAS, lowering the threshold for triggering the four-year phase-in of increases
6 in the assessed value of property for purposes of property taxes should be balanced against
7 the loss of revenue the phase-in can create for local governments, many of which finance
8 operational expenses for the provision of services for citizens on the revenue generated from
9 ad valorem property taxes.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 authorize and request the chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the
12 chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to establish a joint
13 subcommittee composed of four members of the House Committee on Ways and Means and
14 three members of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs appointed by the
15 respective chairman to study the practicality and feasibility of phasing-in property tax
16 increases when the assessed value of property increases after the reassessment of the
17 property by a percentage of less than fifty percent of the previous year's assessed value, and
18 to report its findings and recommendations to the legislature prior to the convening of the
19 2023 Regular Session.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the House Committee on Ways
21 and Means shall call the first meeting of the joint subcommittee, and, at such meeting, the
22 members of the joint subcommittee shall select a member of the joint subcommittee to serve
23 as its chairman and shall select any other officers deemed necessary by the joint
24 subcommittee.

DIGEST

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committee to study the practicality and feasibility of phasing-in property tax increases when the assessed value of property increases after the reassessment of the property by a percentage of less than 50% of the previous year's assessed value and to report its findings and recommendations to the legislature prior to the 2023 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original resolution:

1. Require the chairmen of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to establish a joint subcommittee composed of not more than three members of each respective committee to study the issue rather than the entire membership of both committees.
2. Require the joint subcommittee report its findings and recommendations to the legislature prior to the commencement of the 2023 R.S.
3. Require the chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means to call the first meeting of the joint subcommittee, and, at such meeting, require the members of the joint subcommittee to select a member to serve as its chairman and to select any other officers deemed necessary.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed resolution:

1. Change the membership of the subcommittee from not more than three members of each committee to four members of the House Committee on Ways and Means and three members of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.