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DIGEST

Present law imposes a corporate franchise tax on corporations based upon the amount of their capital stock, surplus, undivided profits, and "borrowed capital" on their books at the closing of the previous calendar or fiscal year.

Proposed law authorizes corporations set forth below that have "borrowed capital" that is in excess of the "borrowed capital" on that corporation's books on the calendar or fiscal year closing immediately prior to August 28, 2005, to elect to compute the "borrowed capital" portion of their franchise tax base on the basis of the previous calendar or fiscal year closing immediately prior to August 28, 2005.

The corporations authorized to use this election are corporations that either had (1) at least 50% of their property located in or (2) received at least 50% of their revenues from, the Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita FEMA "Individual Assistance Areas."

Effective for taxable periods beginning after August 28, 2005.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 47:609(A))