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Pinac HB No. 6

Abstract: Provides for a short extension of certain investment deadlines for certified Louisiana capital companies under the CAPCO program due to the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

<u>Present law</u> provides that to continue the certification of any investment pools as certified capital, a certified Louisiana capital company must make qualified investments from each investment pool according to the following schedule:

- (1) Within three years after the investment date for each investment pool, at least 50% of each investment pool must be invested, with at least 30% of each investment pool placed in qualified investments.
- (2) Within five years after the investment date for each investment pool, at least 80% of each investment pool must be invested, with at least 50% of each investment pool placed in qualified investments.

<u>Present law</u> requires a Louisiana capital company to place 40% of the investment pool in qualified investments within three years after investment date, 60% of the investment pool in qualified investments within five years after investment date, and 100% of the investment pool in qualified investments within seven years after investment date. <u>Present law</u> provides that failure to do so requires that the company repay the tax credit granted for the investment pool.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that considering the adverse impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, all deadlines for investment required by <u>present law</u> which would have fallen between August 25, 2005, and December 30, 2005, shall be extended to March 31, 2006.

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

(Adds R.S. 51:1927.1(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Removes certain requirements for continuance of certification.

2. Changes investment deadline.