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DIGEST

Ellington (SB 54)

Present law provides for a sales tax exemption for natural gas and "electric power and energy" - electricity. That exemption has been "suspended" for 3.8 of the 4 cents of state sales tax for non-residential use. That means that natural gas and electricity consumed by businesses are subject to a 3.8% tax, as follows:

They are subject to 2.8 of the 4 cents of state sales tax from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2009 (R.S. 47:302(R) and 331(P)).

Because one penny of the tax was "made permanent", they are subject to 1 of the 4 cents of state sales tax for all periods after July 1, 2004 (R.S. 47:321(H)).

Proposed law limits the price of natural gas purchased by paper or wood products manufacturing facilities which is taxed to \$6.20 MMBtu and exempts them from all state sales tax on their purchases of electricity. The exemption lasts from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2008.

Effective January 1, 2006.

(Amends R.S. 47:331(P)(2); adds R.S. 47:301(3)(j) and (13)(l), 302(T), 321(J), and 331(R))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to the original bill.

1. Changes the bill from a limit on the price of natural gas purchased by all businesses which is subject to taxation to a 4-year limit on the price purchased by paper or wood products manufacturing facilities and a full exemption for their purchases of electricity.