

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 91

BY SENATOR BROWN

COMMITTEE STUDIES. Requests study of need for legislation to provide method for local businesses to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements with local governments, administered by LED, to bear the capital costs of needed local infrastructure in return for offset of future local tax liabilities.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to study the need
3 for legislation which would authorize a local business to agree with a local
4 government in a cooperative endeavor conferred and administered by the
5 Department of Economic Development to bear the capital costs of needed local
6 infrastructure in return for an offset of future tax liabilities of the local business.

7 WHEREAS, there is in present law ample authority for the Department of Economic
8 Development to award various state tax credits, cash rebates, and other incentives to induce
9 businesses to locate or expand in Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, there is in present law ample authority for parishes, municipalities, and
11 school board districts to establish tax increment finance districts which provide, in effect,
12 a tax break for new businesses which finances the new businesses' infrastructure needs; and

13 WHEREAS, there is no authority in present law for local businesses and parishes,
14 municipalities, and school boards to voluntarily enter into agreements whereby such local
15 businesses may provide for the infrastructure needs of parishes, municipalities, and school
16 boards in return for local tax incentives.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 hereby urges and requests the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to study

1 the need for legislation which would authorize the Department of Economic Development,
2 at the specific written request of a parish, municipality, or school board, or any combination
3 of those authorities, and the specific written request of a business located within the
4 jurisdiction of such authorities, to confect and administer a cooperative endeavor agreement
5 between those parties.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is hereby urged and requested to
7 study whether such legislation should provide a method for the local business to agree in the
8 cooperative endeavor that it will bear the capital costs of construction, reconstruction, or
9 repair of needed infrastructure of the parish, municipality, or school board, or any
10 combination of those authorities, and a method for the parish, municipality, or school board
11 in return to agree to an offset of the future local tax liabilities of the local business.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for purposes of this study the committee shall
13 have all powers otherwise provided by law and by rule of the Senate, as well as all powers
14 inherent in legislative committees and that the legislative members thereof shall receive the
15 per diem and mileage provided for committees by the rules of the Senate.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17 requests the assistance of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana Municipal
18 Association, and the Louisiana School Boards Association.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a written report of its
20 findings to the Senate prior to the 2014 Regular Session, together with any specific proposals
21 for legislation.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
23 to the secretary of the Department of Economic Development, the Police Jury Association
24 of Louisiana, the Louisiana Municipal Association, and the Louisiana School Boards
25 Association.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

Brown

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