
DIGEST

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Abstract: Dedicates one-half of the avails of the existing 0.97% state sales and use tax for deposit for distribution to eligible political subdivisions according to a formula based on a parish's total ad valorem tax collections as compared to the total of all collections in the state; also establishes the Property Tax Support Fund as a special treasury fund for purposes of the dedication.

Present law imposes three separate state sales and use tax levies (2%, 1%, and .97%) upon the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, the storage, lease, or rental of tangible personal property in this state, as well as certain services.

Proposed law dedicates the avails of one-half of 0.97% sales and use taxes levied by present law for appropriation exclusively for purposes of the distribution of such revenues to eligible political subdivisions.

Proposed law establishes in the state treasury the Property Tax Support Fund ("fund"). The purpose of the fund is for the receipt and distribution of monies dedicated for the support of the local taxing authorities in the state that on January 1, 2015, levied an ad valorem tax.

Appropriations from the fund are authorized solely for distribution to eligible political subdivisions. Unexpended and unencumbered monies remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. Investment earnings on monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

Proposed law requires that from the monies remaining after satisfaction of the requirements of the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, the state treasurer shall deposit into the fund an amount equal one-half of the annual avails of the state sales and use tax imposed pursuant to R.S. 47:331.

Proposed law provides that monies appropriated from the fund each year, the state treasurer shall make distributions to eligible political subdivisions. The distribution shall be made in accordance with a formula based on the proportion that each parish's total ad valorem tax collections from 2013, 2014, and 2015, bears to the total of such collections from all parishes in 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Present law provides for dedications of monies from the avails of the state sales and use taxes as follows:

- (1) Monies necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in present constitution;

- (2) Of the monies remaining thereafter, an amount equal to four-tenths of one percent of all monies from state sales and use taxes collected shall be deposited into the Marketing Fund and used for purposes of economic development as provided by present law.
- (3) All monies remaining thereafter are deposited into the state general fund.

Proposed law retains present law except adds the dedication for the Property Tax Support Fund after satisfaction of the requirement of the Bond Security and Redemption Fund and before deposits into the Marketing Fund.

Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of La. contained in the Act which originated as House Bill No. _____ of this 2015 R.S. of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 47:318; Adds R.S. 39:100.146)