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SENATE BILL NO. 279

BY SENATOR CHABERT

TAX/AD VALOREM. Requires the market approach to the valuation of the property of barge line, towing, and other water transportation companies. (gov sig)

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1853(B)(2), relative to appraisal of public service properties; to require a certain approach to determine fair market value in the appraisal of 3 4 certain property; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 47:1853(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §1853. Appraisal of public service properties 8 9 В 10 (2) However;: 11 (a) All public service properties of the same nature and kind shall be appraised in the same manner. The appraised value of all lands owned by the 12 13 company in this state shall be deducted from the total appraised value of the public 14 service properties and shall be assessed by the Louisiana Tax Commission and shown as a separate item on the tax roll. 15 16 (b) The Louisiana Tax Commission shall require every assessor to uniformly utilize the market approach provided for in Item (1)(a)(i) of this 17

Subsection to determine fair market value in appraising the property of barge
line, towing, and other water transportation companies as defined in R.S.

47:1851(B).

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Riley Boudreaux.

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<u>Present law</u> defines barge line, towing, and other water transportation company properties as "public service properties". Requires the Louisiana Tax Commission to employ all of the following nationally recognized techniques of appraisal, where applicable, in appraising "public service properties" to determine fair market value:

- (1) The market approach.
- (2) The cost approach.
- (3) The income approach.

The Tax Commission is further required to assign such weight to each approach as is appropriate to best determine fair market value.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Tax Commission to require every assessor to uniformly utilize the "market approach" to determine fair market value in appraising the property of barge line, towing, and other water transportation companies.

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

(Amends R.S. 47:1853(B)(2))