

2016 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 29

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

TAX/CORP INCOME: Establishes a flat rate for purposes of calculating corporation income tax liability (Item #3)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:287.12, relative to corporation income tax; to provide relative
3 to the rate of the corporation income tax; to provide for applicability; to provide for
4 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 47:287.12 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §287.12. Rates of tax

8 The tax to be assessed, levied, collected, and paid upon the Louisiana taxable
9 income of every corporation shall be computed at the rate of:

10 ~~(1) Four percent upon the first twenty-five thousand dollars of Louisiana~~
11 ~~taxable income.~~

12 ~~(2) Five percent upon the amount of Louisiana taxable income above~~
13 ~~twenty-five thousand dollars but not in excess of fifty thousand dollars.~~

14 ~~(3) Six percent on the amount of Louisiana taxable income above fifty~~
15 ~~thousand dollars but not in excess of one hundred thousand dollars.~~

16 ~~(4) Seven percent on the amount of Louisiana taxable income above one~~
17 ~~hundred thousand dollars but not in excess of two hundred thousand dollars.~~

18 ~~(5) Eight percent~~ six and one-half of one percent on all Louisiana taxable
19 income ~~in excess of two hundred thousand dollars.~~

1 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to all tax years beginning
2 on and after January 1, 2017.

3 Section 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2017, and shall become operative
4 if the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the
5 Act which originated as House Bill No. 31 of this 2016 First Extraordinary Session of the
6 Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

DIGEST

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HB 29 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Changes the corporate income tax rate from a graduated schedule of rates dependent on the taxable income of the taxpayer to a flat rate of 6.5%.

Present law provides that the tax to be assessed, levied, collected, and paid on the La. taxable income of every corporation shall be computed at the following rates:

- (1) 4% on the first \$25,000 of La. taxable income.
- (2) 5% on La. taxable income above \$25,000 but not in excess of \$50,000.
- (3) 6% on La. taxable income above \$50,000 but not in excess of \$100,000.
- (4) 7% on La. taxable income above \$100,000 but not in excess of \$200,000.
- (5) 8% on all La. taxable income in excess of \$200,000.

Proposed law changes present law by deleting the graduated schedule of rates dependant on the amount of taxable income of the taxpayer in favor of a flat 6.5% corporate income tax rate.

Applicable to all tax years beginning on and after Jan. 1, 2017.

Effective Jan. 1, 2017 if the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of La. contained in the Act which originated as House Bill No. 31 of the 2016 First E.S. of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 47:287.12)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the corporate income tax rates from a graduated system dependent on the amount of taxable income of the taxpayer to a flat rate of 6.5%.
2. Add an effective date of Jan. 1, 2017.