

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 880

2016 Regular Session

Richard

June 5, 2016

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 880 by Representative Richard, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (#3782) be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Jerome Richard

Senator Troy E. Brown

Representative Nancy Landry

Senator Jean-Paul J. Morrell

Representative Jerry Gisclair

Senator Norby Chabert

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

TAX/SALES-USE, LOCAL: Authorizes the Lafourche Parish School Board to levy and collect an additional sales and use tax

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Added that the assessor in the Beauregard Parish Assessment District may receive an automobile expense allowance.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present constitution authorizes any school board or local governmental subdivision (parish or municipality), subject to voter approval, to levy and collect a sales and use tax if the rate of all sales and use taxes collected in a parish or municipality, exclusive of state sales and use taxes, does not exceed 3%. Authorizes the legislature to authorize the levy and collection of additional sales and use taxes by school boards or local governmental subdivisions which additional taxes must also be approved by the voters.

Present law (R.S. 47:338.54) authorizes any parish or school board, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect sales and use taxes not to exceed a total of 5% in a parish or municipality (excluding state and law enforcement district taxes).

Proposed law authorizes the Lafourche Parish School Board, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect an additional sales and use tax not to exceed 1%. Provides that the tax shall be in addition to all other authorized taxes and shall not be subject to the rate limitations established by present constitution or present law. Further provides that the authority granted in proposed law shall not limit prior taxing authority granted to the school board or any other political subdivision.

Proposed law authorizes use of the proceeds of the tax for any lawful purpose of the school board. Provides that the proposition authorizing the levy of the tax may authorize the funding of a portion of the avails thereof into bonds as provided by law.

Proposed law further provides that the tax shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as set forth in present law.

Effective July 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 47:338.138.1)