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Abstract: Changes the corporate income tax rate <u>from</u> a graduated schedule of rates dependent on the taxable income of the taxpayer <u>to</u> a flat rate of 6.5% and further authorizes a reduction to a flat 6% if certain conditions are met.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> 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, 2018.

<u>Proposed law</u> with respect to the reduction in the corporate income tax rate <u>to</u> a flat 6.5% rate shall be effective on Jan. 1, 2018. <u>Proposed law</u> provides for the further reduction of the flat corporate income tax rate <u>from</u> 6.5% <u>to</u> a flat rate of 6% if the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of La. contained in the Act which originated as House Bill No. ____ of the 2017 R.S. of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 47:287.12)