

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 580

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AGRICULTURE/FOREST COMR: Provides relative to the disposition of timber severance taxes

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 3:4345, relative to the disposition of timber severance taxes; to authorize use  
3 of severance taxes for the maintenance and construction of roads used primarily by  
4 timber, lumber, and logging companies; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:4345 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §4345. Disposition of the parishes' portion of the tax

8 The portion of the timber severance tax allocated to the governing authority  
9 of the parishes of this state by Article VII, Section (4)(D) of the Constitution of  
10 Louisiana may be used for road maintenance and construction of roads primarily  
11 used by timber, logging, and lumber companies to harvest and transport timber.

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DIGEST

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HB 580 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Allows the parish-allocated portion of the timber severance tax be used for road maintenance and construction.

Proposed law allows the funds received by the governing authority of the parishes of this state from the timber severance tax to be used for road maintenance and construction of roads used primarily by timber, logging, and lumber companies to harvest and transport timber.

(Adds R.S. 3:4345)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

1. Remove the provision requiring the governing authority of a parish that receives timber severance tax funds to use the funds solely for road maintenance and construction.
2. Remove the provision requiring the governing authority of any parish that receives timber severance taxes to exhaust the funds received on road maintenance and construction prior to requesting liability bonds or certificates of insurance from timber, logging, or lumber companies.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.