
DIGEST

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HB 444 Re-Reengrossed

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Abstract: Establishes an ad valorem tax exemption for property that is subject to a cooperative endeavor agreement that requires the property owner to make payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes.

Present constitution authorizes the imposition of ad valorem property taxes by local governments, school boards, and other special districts.

Present constitution authorizes a variety of exemptions from ad valorem tax.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes present constitution by establishing an exemption for property subject to a cooperative endeavor agreement that requires the property owner to make payments in lieu of the ad valorem taxes imposed by a taxing authority that is a party to the agreement. The extent of the exemption shall be as provided for in the agreement.

Proposed constitutional amendment limits eligibility for the exemption to either a manufacturing establishment that qualifies for the industrial tax exemption, or a property subject to a cooperative endeavor agreement that has been approved by a legislative committee as provided by law. Proposed constitutional amendment further prohibits eligibility for this exemption for a manufacturing establishment that has a contract for the industrial tax exemption, unless it is within the first two years of that contract.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires that exempt properties be listed on the assessment rolls and that information concerning those properties be submitted to the La. Tax Commission.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held October 14, 2017.

(Adds Const. Art. VII, §21(N))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the engrossed bill:

1. Add technical changes to the ballot language.

The House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill:

1. Limit eligibility for the exemption to either a manufacturing establishment that qualifies for the industrial tax exemption, or a property subject to a cooperative endeavor agreement that has been approved by a legislative committee. Further, prohibits eligibility for this exemption for a manufacturing establishment that has a contract for the industrial tax exemption, unless it is within the first two years of that contract.
2. Limit the exemption to the amount agreed upon in the cooperative endeavor agreement.
3. Add a requirement that exempt properties be listed on the assessment rolls and information concerning those properties is required to be submitted to the La. Tax Commission.