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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2019 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Abraham to Engrossed House Bill No. 81 by
Representative Abraham

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the beginning of line 12 delete "§2759." and insert "§2759.1."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, delete lines 14 through 19 in their entirety, on page 2 delete lines 1 through 27
5 in their entirety and insert the following:

6 "A.(1) One or more local governmental subdivisions or any other entities
7 having taxing authority may enter into a joint or separate cooperative endeavor
8 agreement that provides for payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes imposed by a
9 taxing authority that is a party to the cooperative endeavor agreement, with owners
10 of property eligible for the property tax exemption provided for manufacturing
11 establishments as described in Article VII, Section 21(F) of the Constitution of
12 Louisiana.

13 (2) The cooperative endeavor agreement shall only apply to taxing authorities
14 who are parties to the agreement. A non-participating taxing authority shall not be
15 bound by the agreement and its ad valorem taxes shall continue to be billed and
16 collected without regard to the provisions of this Section.

17 (3)The assessor for the parish where the property subject to the proposed
18 cooperative endeavor agreement is located shall be consulted in connection with the
19 negotiation of terms of the cooperative endeavor agreement.

20 (4) The business requesting to participate in payments in lieu of taxes shall
21 provide a copy of the proposed cooperative endeavor agreement and all other
22 relevant information to the Department of Economic Development for review. The
23 business shall receive a written summary of the estimated direct, indirect, and
24 induced economic impacts of the project from the Department of Economic
25 Development prior to scheduling any public hearing.

26 (5) Prior to the taxing authority executing a cooperative endeavor agreement
27 for a payment in lieu of taxes, a public hearing shall be conducted in accordance with
28 Paragraph (6) of this Subsection, and shall be approved by the following:

29 (a) The parish governing authority representing the parish and all parish
30 taxing authorities located outside the boundary of any municipality that receives a
31 millage, evidenced by a resolution.

32 (b) The school board, evidenced by a resolution.

33 (c) The municipal governing authority, representing municipalities and all
34 municipal taxing authorities that receive a millage, evidenced by a resolution.

35 (d) The sheriff, evidenced by a letter.

1 (6) Prior to granting approval for a taxing authority to enter into a cooperative
2 endeavor agreement, a public hearing shall be conducted by the parish and municipal
3 governing authorities, the school board, and the sheriff. Notice of the hearing shall
4 be published in the official journal of the applicable taxing authority at least once,
5 no later than fourteen days prior to the hearing, or if there is no official journal, in
6 a newspaper having general circulations therein. The notice shall inform the public
7 where a copy of the proposed cooperative endeavor agreement may be obtained and
8 the time and place of the hearing."