
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that severance taxes are remitted and allocated to parish governing authorities in accordance with the constitution.

Present law provides that 1/3 of the severance tax not to exceed \$100,000 on sulphur, 1/5 of the severance tax not to exceed \$500,000 on all natural resources other than sulphur or timber, and 3/4 of the severance tax on timber collected are allocated to the parish governing authority in which the production or severance of the natural resource occurs. Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes the treasurer to remit and allocate severance taxes to parish governing authorities. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that when the amount of severance tax to be remitted to the parish governing authority has reached the maximum amount authorized in the constitution, there shall be no further allocation. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that all additional collections that surpass the limit provided for in the constitution shall be credited to the state treasury except for the statutory exceptions related to oilfield site trust accounts for orphaned wells. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the disposition of severance tax collections be remitted and allocated in accordance with Art. VII, §4 of the Constitution of La. Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 47:645(B))