

SENATE BILL NO. 488

BY SENATOR HEWITT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1705.1, relative to ad valorem tax millages; to provide with
3 respect to constitutionally authorized millage adjustments; to provide for increases
4 in the millage rate in certain parishes; to provide public hearing requirements; to
5 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:1705.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1705.1. Public hearings for certain millage adjustments; certain parishes

9 A. The provisions of this Section shall apply to any parish with a population
10 between ~~two hundred thirty thousand and two hundred fifty thousand~~ **two hundred**
11 **forty-five thousand and two hundred sixty-five thousand** according to the most
12 recent federal decennial census.

13 B. For all nonelected taxing authorities which are subject to the provisions
14 of R.S. 47:1705 with respect to increases in millage rates without voter approval, the
15 public hearings for such purposes and public meetings at which a vote is to be taken
16 on a proposed millage rate increase for the ensuing year above the rate levied for that
17 millage in the immediately preceding year shall be scheduled as follows:

18 (1) The public hearings and public meetings shall be conducted at the
19 location at which the parish governing authority regularly conducts its meetings.

20 (2) The parish governing authority shall establish a schedule of specific dates
21 and times for the conduct of the public hearings and public meetings. At the
22 discretion of the parish governing authority, public hearings and public meetings on
23 the same date shall be scheduled sequentially in a manner which allows for the
24 maximum opportunity for taxpayer attendance to the greatest degree practicable.
25 Further, the schedule shall be configured to facilitate the opportunity for an
26 interested property owner from a particular geographic area to be in attendance

1 regarding consideration of various taxing authorities' proposed increases in millages
2 that affect his property.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____