DIGEST

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Abstract: Reduces the state individual income tax rate <u>from</u> 3% <u>to</u> 2.75% and terminates the motion picture production tax credit on July 1, 2025.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the tax to be assessed, levied, collected, and paid on the taxable income of individuals shall be computed at the rate of 3% on net income.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> by reducing the rate of tax levied on the income of individuals from 3% to 2.75%.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the following tax credits for state-certified productions within the motion picture production income tax credit program:

- (1) A 25% tax credit if the base investment is in excess of \$300,000 or if the production is a La. screenplay production.
- (2) An additional 5% base investment credit for projects filmed outside the New Orleans Metro Zone, but not including St. John the Baptist Parish.
- (3) An additional 10% base investment credit for certain expenditures equal to or greater than \$50,000 but less than \$5 million for projects meeting certain La. screenplay criteria.
- (4) A 15% credit for La. resident payroll expenditures.
- (5) A 5% credit for certain La.-based visual effects expenditures meeting certain requirements.

<u>Present law</u> also provides for a tax credit for Qualified Entertainment Companies (QEC) to the extent that base investment is expended on payroll for La. residents. QEC tax credits shall be earned at the following rates:

- (1) Tier 1 payroll credit equal to 15% for each new job whose QEC payroll is equal to or greater than \$45,000 per year, up to \$66,000 per year.
- (2) Tier 2 payroll credit equal to 20% for each new job whose QEC payroll is equal to or greater than \$66,000 per year, but no greater than \$200,000 per year.

 $\underline{\underline{Proposed law}}$ limits the acceptance of applications for the credits authorized in $\underline{\underline{present law}}$ to July 1, 2025.

Present law prohibits credits from being allowed for applications received on or after July 1, 2031.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> by changing the date applications are prohibited from being accepted <u>from</u> July 1, 2031, <u>to</u> July 1, 2025.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 47:32(A) and 6007(C)(1)(a)(intro. para.) and (b)(intro. para.) and (l))