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HOUSE BILL NO. 151

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BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

TAX CREDITS: Extends the sunset of tax credits for certain heritage-based cottage industries located within the Cane River Heritage Area

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6026(E)(1), relative to tax credits; to extend the effectiveness 3 of certain tax credits related to the Cane River Heritage Area Development Zone; 4 and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 47:6026(E)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §6026. Cane River Heritage Tax Credit 8 9 E.(1) On and after January 1, 2014 2018, no new applications to receive tax 10 exemptions or credits pursuant to this Section shall be approved by the department. 11 However, a business which, prior to January 1, 2014 2018, has been approved by the 12 department to receive tax exemptions or credits under this Section shall continue to 13 receive such tax benefits pursuant to the terms of its agreement with the state of 14 Louisiana as long as the business retains its eligibility. 15

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Extends, <u>from 2014 to 2018</u>, the sunset of the income and corporation franchise tax credits for heritage-based cottage industries located in the Cane River Heritage Area Development Zone.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes a credit against any La. income or corporation franchise taxes for a heritage-based cottage industry located or to be located in the Cane River Heritage Area Development Zone. The Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (department) is authorized to enter into contracts for periods of up to five years with small businesses which qualify as heritage-based cottage industries for purposes of the tax credit.

<u>Present law</u> provides that authorization for the tax credit expires on Jan. 1, 2014. However, any business having a contract with the department for purposes of the tax credit prior to Jan. 1, 2014, shall continue to receive tax benefits pursuant to the contract as long as the business retains its eligibility.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the sunset from 2014 to 2018.

(Amends R.S. 47:6026(E)(1))