
DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

House Bill No. 232 by Representative Brown

Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

TOURISM/COMMISSION: Increases the maximum hotel occupancy tax that the Grant Parish Tourist Commission is authorized to levy subject to voter approval

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Required all tourist commissions created pursuant to present law to receive voter approval prior to the levying of a hotel occupancy tax.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Make the authority for the Grant Parish Tourist Commission to levy an additional 6% tax upon the occupancy of hotel rooms and motel rooms in Grant Parish subject to approval of the voters in Grant Parish.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law creates tourist commissions, and similar entities with various names, as special taxing districts in many of the state's parishes for the purpose of attracting conventions and tourists to their respective jurisdictions. Present law authorizes such commissions to levy hotel occupancy taxes to fund such activities and sets the maximum rate for each commission.

Present law allows the Grant Parish Tourist Commission to levy a two percent hotel occupancy tax on the hotels and motels in Grant Parish.

Proposed law allows the Commission to levy an additional tax up to 6% upon the occupancy of hotels and motels in the Grant Parish. Proposed law makes the additional six percent tax subject to voter approval.