

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 723 (Substitute for House Bill No. 622 by Representative Tim Burns)

BY REPRESENTATIVE TIM BURNS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:1705.1, relative to ad valorem tax millages; to provide with respect to  
3 constitutionally authorized millage increases in certain parishes; to provide public  
4 hearing requirements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 47:1705.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1705.1. Public hearings for certain millage adjustments; certain parishes

8 A. The provisions of this Section shall apply to any parish with a population  
9 between two hundred thirty thousand and two hundred fifty thousand according to  
10 the most recent federal decennial census.

11 B. For all non-elected taxing authorities which are subject to the provisions  
12 of R.S. 47:1705 with respect to increases in millage rates without voter approval, in  
13 addition to all requirements of R.S. 47:1705, the public hearings for such purposes  
14 shall be scheduled as follows:

15 Each year there shall be coordination of the date, times, and place for all  
16 public hearings of any and all non-elected taxing authorities which seek a millage  
17 increase. The parish governing authority shall establish the location for hearings, as  
18 well as two specific dates on which hearings may be conducted. Hearings on the

1           same date shall be scheduled sequentially in a manner which allows for the  
2           maximum opportunity for taxpayer attendance to the greatest degree practicable.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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