
DIGEST

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Broadwater

HB No. 465

Abstract: Requires certain action by the legislature regarding ad valorem tax on shares of bank stock if the corporation income tax is repealed.

Present law provides that shares of stock of all banks, banking companies, firms, associations, or corporations, doing a banking business in this state, chartered by the laws of this state, any other state, or of the U.S. or chartered under the laws of another country (bank stock) are subject to ad valorem tax. The tax rate is 15% of fair market value. The value is based on stockholder equity capital.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for legislative findings regarding the ad valorem taxation of bank shares in lieu of a bank paying corporation income tax.

Proposed law provides that if the corporation income tax is repealed, the La. Legislature is required to provide a commensurate level of tax relief to banks paying ad valorem tax under present law, while also taking into account the obligations of local governments to provide necessary services.

Proposed law provides that no action taken by the La. Legislature to comply with the provisions of proposed law may result in banks being subject to any new tax, fee, or charge that is not applicable to other corporations in the state.

(Adds R.S. 47:1967(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill.

1. Deleted requirements that if the corporation income tax is repealed, the state would either incur specific obligations relative to the ad valorem tax on bank stock, or the ad valorem tax on bank stock would be repealed.
2. Added a requirement that the La. Legislature provide a commensurate level of tax relief to banks relative to ad valorem tax as is afforded to other businesses if the corporation income tax is repealed.