

1 businesses and consumers requires the investment of tens of billions of dollars to keep pace
2 with the exponential growth in demand for network capacity; and

3 WHEREAS, state economic growth and competitiveness is dependent upon the
4 deployment of modern, efficient communications networks; and

5 WHEREAS, a study by Dr. Raul Katz at Columbia University reportedly found that
6 sales taxes on communications network investment reduce economic growth by increasing
7 the cost of investment and slowing communications network investment and concluded that
8 eliminating sales taxes on communications network investment in the states that impose
9 these taxes could increase economic growth by \$33 billion and lead to the creation of
10 243,000 jobs within three years; and

11 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures supports the policy goal
12 of encouraging deployment of high speed communications networks across all states,
13 including rural and under-served areas.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 request the Department of Revenue to study the effects of exempting communications
16 network equipment from state taxation.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is requested to report its findings
18 to the legislature no later than six weeks prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session
19 of the Legislature.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
21 secretary of the Department of Revenue.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Laura Gail Sullivan.

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Requests the Department of Revenue to study the effects of exempting communications networks from certain taxes and to report its findings to the legislature.