
DIGEST

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HB No. 1118

Abstract: In any parish with a population between 230,000 and 250,000, according to the most recent federal decennial census, requires approval of the parish governing authority before a nonelected governing authority of a taxing authority may vote to increase a millage.

Present constitution permits increases in millage rates without voter approval under certain circumstances. Such increases require approval of two-thirds vote of the governing authority of the taxing authority at a public hearing held for such purpose.

Present law applies in any parish with a population between 230,000 and 250,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census.

Present law provides for a variety of requirements relative to the timing and contents of the public notice for the hearing in accordance with present constitution.

Present law requires that the public hearings for consideration of millage increases for taxing authorities with nonelected governing authorities shall be scheduled in coordination with all other such taxing authorities in the parish so that the hearings may be held on the same dates at the same location.

Proposed law changes present law by deleting all provisions governing the coordination of public hearings on millage increases.

Proposed law requires the approval of the parish governing authority before any taxing authority with a nonelected governing authority may vote to increase a millage.

(Amends R.S. 47:1705.1(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Deleted provisions governing coordination of the public hearings of taxing authorities with nonelected governing authorities for purposes of millage increases.

2. Added requirement for approval by the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish before a taxing authority with a nonelected governing authority may vote to increase a millage.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Changed reference to governing authority from St. Tammany to parish.