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HOUSE BILL NO. 367

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BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

TAX/AD VALOREM-EXEMPTION: Provides relative to the definition of a nonprofit corporation organized and operated for fraternal purposes for purposes of ad valorem property tax exemptions

AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:1703(F), relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for exemptions from ad 3 valorem taxes for certain property; defines "fraternal" for purposes of ad valorem 4 property tax exemptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related 5 matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. R.S. 47:1703(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 8 §1703. Exemptions 9 10 F. For purposes of the exemption from ad valorem property tax provided for in Article VII Section 21(B)(1)(a)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the term 11 12 "fraternal" shall include nonprofit corporations organized for the purposes of 13 promoting and fostering athletic and other like exercises and amusement among its 14 members. 15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 18 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 19 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Defines "fraternal" for purposes of ad valorem tax exemption under La.Const. Art. VII §21(B)(1)(a)(i).

<u>Present constitution</u> requires the assessment of property subject to ad valorem tax and provides for the percentages of valuation for each classification of property to be assessed. <u>Present constitution</u> provides for an exemption from ad valorem property tax for property owned by certain non profit corporations or associations organized and operated for fraternal or educational purposes.

Present law clarifies certain exemptions to ad valorem property tax.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present constitution</u> and <u>present law</u> but adds a definition of what a "fraternal" organization is for purposes of the ad valorem property tax exemption in <u>present constitution</u>. Fraternal organizations shall include nonprofit corporations organized for the purposes of promoting and fostering athletic and other like exercises and amusement among its members.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 47:1703(F))