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HB 798 Engrossed

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Abstract: Beginning July 1, 2015, eliminates the additional 5% tax credit of certain La. payroll but authorizes an additional 5% credit for all qualified expenditures, excluding non-resident payroll when the production is based and 50% of film production days occur beyond a 40 mile radius of New Orleans City Hall.

Present law provides for an income tax credit for La. taxpayers for investment in state-certified productions earned at the time expenditures are made by a motion picture production company in a state-certified production. The amount of the credit shall be equal to 30% of the base investment made by the investor if the total base investment is more than \$300,000. Additionally provides for a credit equal to 5% of base investment expended on payroll for La. residents employed in connection with a state-certified production. However, this credit does not apply to the payroll of any one person that exceeds \$1 million.

Proposed law retains present law relative to the 30% credit of the base investment when the total is greater than \$300,000, but proposed law, beginning July 1, 2015, eliminates the additional 5% credit of the base investment expended on payroll for La. residents employed in connection with a state-certified production. Proposed law authorizes, an additional credit equal to 5% of base investment expended on all qualified production expenditures, excluding non-resident payroll, for state-certified productions that base its main production office beyond a 40 mile radius of New Orleans City Hall and films more than 50% of its production days beyond a 40 mile radius of New Orleans City Hall.

Effective July 1, 2015.

(Amends 47:6007(C)(1)(c)(intro. para.) and (d); Adds R.S. 47:6007(C)(1)(e))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Delete the provisions of proposed law prohibiting the additional 5% credit of the base investment expended on payroll for La. residents employed in connection with a state-certified production if the production bases its office within 40 miles of New Orleans City Hall.
2. Add provisions that authorize, beginning July 1, 2015, an additional credit equal to 5%

of base investment expended on all qualified production expenditures, excluding non-resident payroll, for state-certified productions that base its main production office beyond a 40 mile radius of New Orleans City Hall and films more than 50% of its production days beyond a 40 mile radius of New Orleans City Hall.

3. Eliminate, beginning July 1, 2015, the additional 5% credit of the base investment expended on payroll for La. residents employed in connection with a state-certified production.