

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 472

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

TAX CREDITS: Provides an additional motion picture tax credit for eligible expenditures incurred on productions produced at certain facilities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6007(C)(1)(a)(ii)(cc) and to enact R.S.

3 47:6007(C)(1)(a)(i)(cc), relative to income tax credits; to provide with respect to the

4 motion picture production tax credit; to provide for an additional credit for certain

5 state-certified film production expenditures incurred on productions at certain

6 facilities; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to provide for an

7 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:6007(C)(1)(a)(ii)(cc) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.

10 47:6007(C)(1)(a)(i)(cc) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §6007. Motion picture production tax credit

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13 C. Production tax credit; specific productions and projects.

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16 (a) Project-based production tax credit. For applications for state-certified

17 productions on or after July 1, 2017:

18 (i) Base investment credit. If the total base investment is greater than three

19 hundred thousand dollars, or if a production is a Louisiana screenplay production,

20 each investor shall be allowed a tax credit of twenty-five percent of the base



- (3) An additional 10% base investment credit for certain expenditures equal to or greater than \$50,000 but less than \$5 million for projects meeting certain La. screenplay criteria.
- (4) A 15% credit for La. resident payroll expenditures.
- (5) A 5% credit for certain La.-based visual effects expenditures meeting certain requirements.

Proposed law authorizes an additional 5% base investment credit for production expenditures incurred on a state-certified production when those expenditures were made at a facility that has been deemed a state-certified motion picture infrastructure project. Further provides that in order to be eligible for this additional 5% credit, the project must also be eligible for the 5% base investment credit for projects filmed outside of the New Orleans Metro Zone.

Present law limits the maximum amount of tax credit that a production can earn at 40% of the base investment.

Proposed law increases the maximum credit available from 40% to 45% of the base investment.

Present law specifies that beginning July 1, 2017, no more than \$150 million of credits can be issued per fiscal year and that no more than \$180 million of credits can be claimed on tax returns or transferred to the Dept. of Revenue per fiscal year.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective July 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 47:6007(C)(1)(a)(ii)(cc); Adds 47:6007(C)(1)(a)(i)(cc))