
DIGEST

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HB No. 765

Abstract: Increases the maximum amount of the severance tax collected on natural resources, other than sulphur, lignite, and timber which is remitted to the parish governing authority where the severance occurs from \$850,000 to \$1,850,000 in FY 2011-2012 and \$2,850,000 in FY 2012-2013, effective July 1, 2011.

Present constitution provides that 1/5 of the severance tax on all natural resources other than sulphur, lignite, or timber shall be remitted to the governing authority of the parish in which severance or production occurs. The initial maximum amount remitted to the parish in which severance or production occurs shall not exceed \$850,000.

Proposed constitutional amendment increases the maximum amount of severance tax on natural resources, other than sulphur, lignite, and timber, which is remitted to the parish governing authority where the severance occurs from \$850,000 to \$1,850,000 in FY 2011-2012 and to \$2,850,000 in FY 2012-2013. Further requires that at least 50% of the excess severance tax remitted to a parish in a fiscal year be used only within the parish for the same purposes as money received from the Parish Transportation Fund. The term "excess severance tax" shall mean the amount of severance tax remitted to a parish in excess of the amount of severance tax remitted to the parish for the fiscal year prior to July 1, 2011.

Present constitution provides that the maximum amount remitted shall be increased each July 1 by an amount equal to the average annual increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as published by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, for the previous calendar year, as calculated and adopted by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains the CPI increase provision.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 2, 2010.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §4(D)(3))