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First Extraordinary Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

CENSUS: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to provisions in the La. Constitution requiring minimum bids in tax sales which are limited in applicability to municipalities meeting specified population characteristics (Item #8)

1	A JOINT RESOLUTION		
2	Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 25(A)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative		
3	to ad valorem property taxes; to provide relative to minimum required bids in tax		
4	sales; to specify applicability to one or more political subdivisions or local areas; to		
5	provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide		
6	for related matters.		
7	Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members		
8	elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of		
9	Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to		
10	amend Article VII, Section 25(A)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:		
11	§25. Tax Sales		
12	Section 25.(A) Tax Sales.		
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14	(2) If property located in a municipality with a population of more than four		
15	hundred fifty thousand persons as of the most recent federal decennial census the city		
16	of New Orleans fails to sell for the minimum required bid in the tax sale, the		

1 collector may offer the property for sale at a subsequent sale with no minimum 2 required bid. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied to the taxes, interest, and 3 costs due on the property, and any remaining deficiency shall be eliminated from the 4 tax rolls. 5 6 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted 7 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 22, 8 2011. 9 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election 10 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted 11 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall 12 read as follows: 13 To amend provisions relative to tax sales in order to maintain an existing 14 exemption from the minimum bid requirements for tax sales in the city of 15 New Orleans due to changes in populations according to the 2010 census. 16 (Amends Article VII, Section 25(A)(2))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Updates applicability of provisions in the Louisiana Constitution relative to required minimum bids in tax sales as a result of the 2010 census.

<u>Present law</u> provides that if property located in a municipality with a population of more than 450,000 persons as of the most recent federal decennial census fails to sell for the minimum required bid in the tax sale, the collector may offer the property for sale at a subsequent sale with no minimum required bid.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>, but changes the population restriction <u>from</u> 450,000 persons <u>to</u> the city of New Orleans.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 22, 2011.

CITATION/	EXISTING LAW	AFFECTED	PROPOSED
TOPIC		LOCATIONS	LAW
Const. Art. VII, §25(A)(2) - Tax sales	Municipality with a population of 450,000+	City of New Orleans (1990, 2000 census)	City of New Orleans

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §25(A)(2))