

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 639 by Representative Hazel

ELECTIONS/BALLOTS: Specifies certain information which must be on a ballot relative to tax and bond matters

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Adds provision requiring propositions authorizing the issuance of bonds to contain the estimated millage rate to be levied in the first year of issuance.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law establishes the requirements for bond and special tax elections called by political subdivisions.

Present law requires bond propositions submitted to the voters to state the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued. Present law further contains a list of information required to be in the bond proposition if such information is required under present law pursuant to which the bonds are being issued. Such information includes: the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued, the number of years for which the bonds are to run, and the maximum rate of interest on the bonds. Proposed law retains present law and adds to this list an estimate of the millage rate to be levied in the first year of issue.

Present law requires tax propositions submitted to the voters to contain certain information about the tax the voters will decide upon. Such required information includes the rate of the tax, the duration of the tax, and the purpose of the tax. Proposed law retains present law. Proposed law further requires that the proposition also state the rate of any proposed increase.

Present law requires the political subdivision calling an election on tax, bond, or debt to advertise such election for a required amount of time prior to the election itself. Present law sets forth the required content of such notice. Proposed law retains present law. Proposed law further provides that if such notices are relative to increases in tax rates or millages, in addition to other requirements contained in present law, the notice must also state the proposed increase in the millage rate or percentage of sales tax.

Effective Jan. 1, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 18:1284(B) and (C) and 1285(A)(1))