



1            (L)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, the  
2            State Board of Commerce and Industry or its successor may enter into a contract for  
3            the exemption from ad valorem taxes of property owned by an eligible business  
4            which is located in a parish which has agreed to participate in a program for the  
5            granting of such contracts. The contract shall be subject to approval by the governor  
6            and shall be made on such terms and conditions as deemed by the board to be in the  
7            best interest of the state. The legislature may provide by law for approval of  
8            contracts by the board and the parish governing authority.

9            (2) The contract shall be for an initial term of no more than five calendar  
10           years, subject to renewals as provided by law. The renewal of a contract shall not  
11           be contingent upon the continued participation in the program by a parish.

12           (3) All property exempted pursuant to a contract shall be listed on the  
13           assessment rolls and submitted to the Louisiana Tax Commission or its successor,  
14           but no taxes shall be collected thereon during the period of exemption; however, the  
15           exemption shall in no way affect or impair the security of any existing bonds payable  
16           from the proceeds of a tax.

17           (4) The legislature shall establish a program for the granting of contracts,  
18           except for provisions governing the inclusion or exclusion of specific taxes which  
19           shall be as provided in this Paragraph.

20           Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
21 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,  
22 2012.

23           Section 3. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in  
24 this Joint Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2013.

25           Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,  
26 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
27 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
28 follows:

1 Do you support an amendment to authorize the granting of ad valorem tax  
 2 exemption contracts by the Board of Commerce and Industry for businesses  
 3 located in parishes which have chosen to participate in a program established  
 4 for the granting of such contracts? (Effective January 1, 2013) (Adds Article  
 5 VII, Section 21(L))

## DIGEST

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HB No. 674

**Abstract:** Authorizes the Board of Commerce and Industry to grant ad valorem tax exemption contracts for businesses located in parishes participating in a program for the granting of such tax exemptions.

Proposed constitution authorizes the granting of an ad valorem tax exemption contract by the State Board of Commerce and Industry, hereinafter "board", or its successor for the property of an eligible business which is located in a parish which has agreed to participate in the program. Contracts are subject to gubernatorial approval and shall be made on such terms and conditions as deemed by the board to be in the best interest of the state. The legislature is authorized to provide by law for approval of contracts by the parish governing authority and the board.

Proposed constitution requires that all property exempted pursuant to a contract be listed on the assessment rolls, but no taxes shall be collected thereon during the period of exemption; however, the exemption shall in no way affect or impair the security of any existing bonds payable from the proceeds of a tax.

Proposed constitution provides that the initial term of a contract shall be up to five calendar years, and may be renewed as provided by law. The renewal of a contract shall not be contingent upon a parish's continued participation in the program.

Proposed constitution directs the legislature to establish a program for the granting of contracts, with the exception that provisions regarding specific taxes shall be as provided in proposed constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 6, 2012.

Effective Jan. 1, 2013.

(Adds Const. Art. VII, §21(L))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Added authorization for the legislature to provide by law for approval of contracts by the parish governing authority and the board.