
DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Robideaux

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, and, where applicable, municipality or school district 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, and, if applicable, municipality's or school district'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.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added approval authority for municipalities and school districts relative to program participation and the granting of ad valorem tax exemption contracts.