

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**House Bill No. 326 By Representative Barras**

June 5, 2013

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 326 by Representative Barras, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments proposed by Senator Cortez and adopted by the Senate on May 31, 2013, be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Taylor F. Barras

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Senator Patrick Page Cortez

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Representative Girod Jackson III

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Senator Jonathan Perry

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Representative Stuart Bishop

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Senator Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb

DIGEST

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

TAX/HOTEL OCCUPANCY: Authorizes the city of Youngsville to levy a hotel occupancy tax

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Added provisions relative to the Lafayette Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund including proposed law provisions for a grant program in Lafayette Parish for museums and tourism and a committee to administer the program.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of Youngsville (Lafayette Parish), subject to voter approval, to levy and collect a hotel occupancy tax not exceed 4% of the rent or fee charged for such occupancy. Authorizes the governing authority to contract with any public entity authorized to collect sales taxes for the collection of the hotel occupancy tax. Requires that the proceeds of the tax be used for a multipurpose community center, economic development, and tourism.

(Adds R.S. 47:338.211)