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Abstract: Exempts certain limited liability companies from the corporation franchise tax.

<u>Present law</u> establishes the corporation franchise tax. The tax is levied on every domestic and foreign corporation exercising its charter, qualified to do business, or actually doing business in La. For purposes of the corporation franchise tax, limited liability companies are treated and taxed in the same manner that they are treated and taxed for federal income tax purposes.

Present law provides an exemption from the tax for certain limited liability companies.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and extends the exemption from the tax to a limited liability company that files as a Real Estate Investment Trust for federal income tax purposes and has 100% of its common shares owned by a tax-exempt organization.

Effective Jan. 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 47:601(C)(1)(c))