## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Reinstates the effectiveness of the annual sales tax holiday occurring in August and the annual sales tax holiday for hurricane-preparedness items and supplies occurring in May.

<u>Present law</u> imposes state sales and use taxes on the sale, use, lease, or rental of tangible personal property pursuant to the following levies in the following amounts:

R.S. 47:302 - 2%

R.S. 47:321 - 1%

R.S. 47:321.1 - .45%

R.S. 47:331 - .97%

R.S. 51:1286 - .03%

<u>Present law</u> authorizes a state sales and use tax holiday for the first \$2,500 on the sales price of consumer purchases of tangible personal property occurring on the first consecutive Friday and Saturday in August. <u>Present law</u> further authorizes an annual state sales and use tax holiday for the first \$1,500 on the sales price of purchases of hurricane-preparedness items or supplies occurring on the last weekend in May.

<u>Present law</u> suspends numerous exemptions from the four levies of state sales and use tax (R.S. 47:302, 321, 321.1, and 331) through June 30, 2025, including the sales tax holidays in present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> by adding the sales and use tax holidays in <u>present law</u> occurring in August and May of each year to the list of exemptions that are effective through June 30, 2025.

Effective July 1, 2019.

(Adds R.S. 47:302(BB)(110), 321(P)(111), 321.1(I)(111), and 331(V)(111))