

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 480

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS: Provides relative to the authority of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission to use the payment in lieu of taxes program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:3160(A), relative to the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port
3 Commission; to require the governing authorities for Caddo Parish and Bossier
4 Parish to fully evaluate and provide documentation on property taxes abated by each
5 entity for approval of the payment in lieu of taxes program; to require certain Caddo
6 Parish and Bossier Parish officials approve the payment in lieu of taxes programs for
7 use in their parish; and to provide for related matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
9 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
10 Louisiana.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 34:3160(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

13 §3160. Rights and powers of commission

14 A. The commission shall exercise the powers herein conferred upon it,
15 within the port area, consisting of the entire parishes of Caddo and Bossier; however,
16 specifically excluded from the port area are any docks, landings or wharves in use
17 on November 8, 1966, and businesses engaged in river operations in the port area on
18 November 8, 1966. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, prior to
19 approving the use of the payment in lieu of taxes program in Caddo Parish or Bossier
20 Parish the local governing authority shall fully evaluate and provide documentation

1 of the property taxes abated by each taxing entity. The documentation shall be
 2 provided to the political subdivisions contained in this Subsection who shall use the
 3 information to determine whether to approve the program. In Caddo Parish, the
 4 commission shall only use the payment in lieu of taxes program upon the approval
 5 of the Caddo Parish Sheriff, the Caddo Parish Commission, and the Caddo Parish
 6 school board. In Bossier Parish, the commission shall only use the payment in lieu
 7 of taxes program upon the approval of the Bossier Parish Sheriff, the Bossier Parish
 8 police jury, and the Bossier Parish school board. Upon the proposed approval of
 9 programs for each parish, the office of economic development shall have forty-five
 10 days from the date that the proposals are received to review the payment in lieu of
 11 taxes proposals and submit the approval or denial of each to the local governing
 12 authority.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the local governing authorities of Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish to fully evaluate and provide documentation of the property taxes abated by each taxing entity before approving any payment in lieu of taxes (P.I.L.O.T) program. Designates certain Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish officials to approve payment in lieu of taxes programs.

Present law specifies that the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission must exercise the powers conferred upon it, within the port area, consisting of the entire parishes of Caddo and Bossier. Excludes from this authority any docks, landings, or wharves in use on Nov. 8, 1966, and businesses engaged in river operations in the port area on Nov. 8, 1966.

Proposed law requires the Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish local governing authority fully evaluate and provide documentation of the property taxes abated by each taxing entity before approving the P.I.L.O.T program in the parish.

Proposed law requires that the documentation be provided to the political subdivisions contained in proposed law who must use the information to determine whether to use the program.

Proposed law allows the commission to use the P.I.L.O.T program for Caddo Parish only upon the approval of the Caddo Parish Sheriff, the Caddo Parish Commission, and the Caddo Parish school board.

Proposed law allows the commission to use the P.I.L.O.T program for Bossier Parish only upon the approval of the Bossier Parish Sheriff, the Bossier Parish police jury, and the Bossier Parish school board.

Proposed law specifies that upon the proposed approval of programs for each parish, the office of economic development has 45 days from the date that the proposals are received to review the P.I.L.O.T proposals and submit the approval or denial of each to the parish government.

(Amends R.S. 34:3160(A))