

## SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 485

2026 Regular Session

Edmonds

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

TAX/LOCAL. Provides for the levy of premium tax in the city of St. George. (7/1/26)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Removes legislative findings and purpose.
3. Clarifies the definition of "insurance premium tax".
4. Clarifies that beginning on January 1, 2027, the city of St. George shall have exclusively municipal authority to levy, collect, administer, and enforce any insurance premium taxes.
5. Specifies that an insurer shall be subject to only one local insurance premium tax for a given risk and period.
6. Provides for an intergovernmental agreement between the city of St. George and the parish of East Baton Rouge solely for the purposes of transferring control of the continued collection of insurance premium taxes.
7. Removes all provisions relative to development related public facility charges.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

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Present law provides for transition following the incorporation of the city of St. George.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law defines the following terms:

- (1) "Board" means the board of directors of the district or any successor thereto.
- (2) "District" means the St. George Transition District or any successor thereto.
- (3) "Mayor-president" means the mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge.
- (4) "Municipality" means the city of St. George in East Baton Rouge Parish.
- (5) "Municipal tax" means the two percent sales and use tax levied by the city of St. George as provided in present law (R.S. 33:3079(D)(5)).
- (6) "Parish" means East Baton Rouge Parish.
- (7) "Parish tax" means the two percent sales and use tax levied in the unincorporated areas of the parish.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that "insurance premium tax" means a municipal license tax imposed on insurers pursuant to present law or any other applicable law, based upon premiums written on risks located within the taxing jurisdiction.

Present law provides that in the event the city of St. George, as approved by the voters on October 12, 2019, is incorporated, the parish may continue to levy and collect the parish tax within the corporate limits of the municipality pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between the parish and municipality for the purpose of providing essential public services to, or funding essential public services for, the citizens within St. George until the St. George Transition District levies and collects a two percent sales and use tax, the municipality levies and collects a two percent sales and use tax, the end of the quarter following the election to impose the municipal tax if the proposition is not approved by the electorate, or 12 months after the incorporation becomes final, whichever occurs first.

Proposed law provides that, beginning on January 1, 2027, the city of St. George shall exclusively exercise all municipal authority to levy, collect, administer, and enforce any insurance premium tax as defined in proposed law (R.S. 33:3077) on risk located within the corporate limits of the city of St. George.

Proposed law provides that the city of Baton Rouge and the parish of East Baton Rouge, including any component of the consolidated government, shall not levy, collect, administer, or receive any insurance premium tax on risks located within the corporate limits of the city of St. George.

Proposed law provides that nothing in proposed law shall be construed to authorize duplicative taxation. Further provides that an insurer shall be subject to only one local insurance premium tax for a given risk and period.

Proposed law provides that the governing authorities of the city of St. George and the parish of East Baton Rouge may enter into an intergovernmental agreement solely for purposes of records transfer, closeout of prior records, and administrative cooperation, but not for the continued collection of the tax described in proposed law by the parish or consolidated government of East Baton Rouge.

Proposed law has prospective application relative to premiums attributable to periods beginning on and after January 1, 2027.

Effective January 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 33:3078; adds R.S. 33:3077(8))

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