

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

SENATE BILL NO. 2

BY SENATOR NEVERS

UNEMPLOYMENT COMP. Provides for unemployment compensation benefits. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 23:1474(J), relative to unemployment compensation; to provide with respect to the maximum amount of wages on which contribution rates are assessed; to suspend the application of reductions in weekly benefit amounts payable to claimants; to provide for the state unemployment trust fund; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 23:1474(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1474. Administrator; Revenue Estimating Conference; "wages"; weekly benefit amounts

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J.(1) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Section to the contrary, for calendar year 2006, the administrator shall apply Procedure 3 of the table in Subsection I of this Section.

(2) However, the administrator shall apply Procedure I of the table in Subsection I of this Section for calendar year 2006 if the Revenue Estimating Conference adopts a projection of the state unemployment trust fund balance

1 **at August 31, 2006 that is less than \$425 million when it next meets after the**
2 **2005 Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature.**

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
7 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl B. Cooper.

DIGEST

Present law delineates eight procedures for the administrator to utilize in computing unemployment benefits based on the balance in the Unemployment Trust Fund.

Proposed law requires that the fund administrator use Procedure 3 (used when the applied trust fund balance is equal to or greater than \$900 million) when determining benefits in calendar 2006.

Proposed law requires that the administrator apply Procedure 1 (used when the applied trust fund balance is less than \$750 million) when determining benefits in calendar 2006 if the Revenue Estimating Conference adopts a projection of the Unemployment Trust Fund balance on August 31, 2006 that is less than \$425 million.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 23:1474(J))