

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 571 by Representative Robideaux

TAX/TAX REBATES: Revises eligibility requirements for the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Deletes the requirement that employees in jobs eligible for a tax credit shall have been employed for at least six months during the taxable year.
2. Makes the Enterprise Zone limitations applicable to new contracts and renewals on or after the effective date of the proposed law if "advanced notification" has been filed on or after the effective date of the proposed law.
3. Deletes the provisions of proposed law which required the suspension from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 of the following rebates:
  - (a) Rebate payments for donations made to a Student Tuition Organization for purposes of creating scholarships for students at poorly performing public schools.
  - (b) The Competitive Projects Payroll Incentive Program which provides rebates equal to 15% of payroll expenses for certain businesses.
  - (c) The Corporate Headquarters Relocation Program which provides rebates equal to 25% of qualifying relocation expenses for business which move their corporate headquarters to the state.
4. Deletes contingent effectiveness of proposed law based upon passage of HB Nos. 434, 435, and 436 of the 2013 R.S.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law establishes the Enterprise Zone Program which provides for tax credits and rebates for eligible businesses.

Present law grants benefits under the program based on numbers of jobs. Part-time jobs may be counted for purposes of eligibility.

Proposed law deletes present law authorizing participation based on part-time employees.

Present law provides for specific eligibility criteria with respect to employees in jobs which are eligible for program benefits. The criteria include a requirement that an employee receive public assistance prior to employment.

Proposed law retains present law and specifies that the person shall have been receiving public assistance for six months prior to employment.

Proposed law adds a limitation on eligibility for retail businesses. If such a business has more than 100 employees nationwide it must be a pharmacy or grocery store located within an enterprise zone.

Applies to new contracts and renewals on or after the effective date of the proposed law if

"advanced notification" has been filed on or after the effective date of the proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 51:1787(A)(3) and (B)(3) and 1791)