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HOUSE BILL NO. 382

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERTHELOT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LOCAL FINANCE: Excludes Lawrason Act municipalities from certain provisions of the Local Government Budget Act

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1305(F), relative to budget adoption procedures in certain
3	municipalities; to limit the authority of the governing authorities of certain
4	municipalities to amend a proposed budget; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 39:1305(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§1305. Budget preparation
8	* * *
9	F. The Except in a municipality governed by R.S. 33:321 et seq., the
10	proposed budget and the attendant budget adoption instrument may be amended to
11	the extent deemed appropriate by the governing authority at any point prior to final
12	adoption, unless otherwise provided in an ordinance or home rule charter of the
13	political subdivision.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that <u>present law</u> authorizing a local governing authority to amend an annual budget proposed by the chief executive or administrative officer does not apply to Lawrason Act municipalities.

<u>Present law</u> establishes a process for local governments to use in the preparation and adoption of an annual budget. Requires the chief executive or administrative officer of the

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local government to prepare a proposed budget and submit it to the governing authority. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the governing authority to amend the proposed budget and associated budget instrument unless otherwise provided by an ordinance or home rule charter. <u>Proposed law</u> provides that <u>present law</u> does not apply to municipalities governed by the mayor-board of aldermen form of government (the Lawrason Act).

(Amends R.S. 39:1305(F))