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Abstract: Authorizes an additional sales tax of 3/10% in an area of Lafourche Parish.

<u>Present constitution</u> authorizes any school board or local governmental subdivision (parish or municipality), subject to voter approval, to levy and collect a sales and use tax if the combined rate of all sales and use taxes collected in a parish or municipality, exclusive of state sales and use taxes, does not exceed 3%. Authorizes the legislature to authorize school boards or local governmental subdivisions to levy and collect additional sales and use taxes which must also be approved by the voters.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes any parish or school board, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect sales and use taxes not to exceed a combined rate of 5% (excluding state and law enforcement district taxes). <u>Present law</u> authorizes school boards and parish governing authorities to create special districts to exercise the additional taxing authority provided by <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes Sales Tax District No. 4 of Lafourche Parish, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect an additional sales and use tax not to exceed 3/10%. Provides that the tax shall be in addition to all other authorized taxes and shall not be subject to the rate limitations established by <u>present constitution</u> or <u>present law</u>. Further provides that the authority granted in <u>proposed law</u> shall not limit prior taxing authority granted to the parish or any other political subdivision.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes use of the proceeds of the tax for any lawful purpose and provides that the proposition authorizing the levy of the tax may authorize the funding of a portion of the avails thereof into bonds as provided by <u>present law</u>.

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

(Adds R.S. 47:338.199)