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Present constitution provides that all property is subject to ad valorem taxation unless specifically exempted.

Present constitution authorizes the State Board of Commerce and Industry, with gubernatorial approval, to enter into contracts to exempt new and expanding manufacturing facilities from ad valorem taxation.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution ability of the board to enter into contracts to exempt certain manufacturing facilities from certain ad valorem taxes but adds a requirement that the exemption must receive the endorsement of the sheriff, school board, municipality, and parish governing authority in which the establishment is located.

Present constitution authorizes a five-year renewal of up to a 100% exemption of ad valorem taxes that would otherwise be due.

Proposed constitutional amendment limits the renewal period to three years and limits the exemption to 80% of the assessed valuation.

Present constitution requires the board to take into account the best interests of the state when determining whether or not to grant an industrial property tax exemption.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires that the State Board of Commerce and Industry establish criteria for determining what is in the best interest in the state and that these criteria shall include the creation of new, permanent direct jobs.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 6, 2018.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, Sec. 21(F))