## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Extends the duration of the rehabilitation of historic structures tax credit program and expands eligibility for the credits through the program to additional historic structures.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes a credit against income and corporation franchise tax for the amount of eligible costs and expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of a historic structure located in a downtown development or a cultural district as defined in <u>present law</u>. Provides that the credit amount equals 20% of the eligible costs and expenses of the rehabilitation incurred before Jan. 1, 2026. Stipulates that no credit is authorized pursuant to <u>present law</u> for expenses incurred on or after Jan. 1, 2026.

<u>Proposed law</u> amends <u>present law</u> to include the following among the classes of historic structures eligible for the credit:

- (1) Historic structures either individually listed or deemed as a contributing element within a National Register Historic District.
- (2) Historic structures located in a rural area.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "rural area", for purposes of <u>present law</u> and <u>proposed law</u>, as any of the following:

- (1) A parish with a population of less than 100,000.
- (2) A municipality with a population of less than 35,000.
- (3) An unincorporated area of a parish with a population of 100,000 or more.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the credit amount for rehabilitation of a historic structure located in a rural area is 30% of the eligible costs and expenses of the rehabilitation incurred before Jan. 1, 2029.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the rehabilitation of historic structures tax credit program's termination date  $\underline{\text{from}}$  Jan. 1, 2026 to Jan. 1, 2029. Maintains the credit amount for rehabilitation of historic structures, other than those in rural areas, at 20% of the eligible costs and expenses of the rehabilitation.

(Amends R.S. 47:6019(A)(1)(a), (B)(1)(intro. para.), and (C); Adds R.S. 47:6019(B)(1)(d) and (e))