
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 694 by Representative Robideaux

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 2, line 25, after "for" and before "which" delete "business projects" and insert
3 "qualifying businesses with projects"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 3, delete lines 5 through 13 in their entirety, and insert the following:

6 "B.(1) The governing authority of any parish may elect to participate in the
7 program by the adoption of a resolution or ordinance approving the granting of an
8 ad valorem tax exemption for any of the following:

9 (a) All projects recommended by the secretary and approved by the board
10 and the governor;

11 (b) All projects meeting specific criteria selected by the parish governing
12 authority from a list of options proposed by the department; however, the authority
13 may reserve the right to require its approval of any other specific project by
14 subsequent resolution or ordinance;

15 (c) On an individual project basis by subsequent resolution or ordinance.

16 (2) An election to participate in the program shall not be deemed to end
17 active negotiation for purposes of R.S. 44:22(C).

18 (3) Participation in the program shall be for an indefinite term, but may be
19 rescinded at any time by the parish governing authority. However, such rescission
20 shall not affect existing contracts or renewals thereof, and shall be without effect as
21 to any project previously approved by the parish for the ad valorem tax exemption
22 by the parish, by any of the methods provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,
23 and for which an offer including the exemption has been made to a business by the
24 department.

25 C. The confidentiality granted under R.S. 44:22 shall extend to all
26 documents and records in the possession of a parish governing authority for purposes
27 of participation in the program."

28 AMENDMENT NO. 3

29 On page 3, line 22, after "include" and before "corporate" insert "or will include"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 4

31 On page 3, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

32 "(3) The business intends to either locate a project or undertake an expansion
33 project in Louisiana, either of which shall entail a capital expenditure within
34 Louisiana of at least twenty-five million dollars."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 5

2 On page 4, line 3, after "services," and before "natural" delete "gaming or gambling."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 6

4 On page 4, at the end of line 5, insert "No business engaged in gaming or gambling shall be
5 eligible for the program."

6 AMENDMENT NO. 7

7 On page 4, line 7, after "secretary" delete the comma "," and delete the remainder of the line,
8 and from the beginning of line 8, delete "a new or expanded facility for the business by
9 submitting" and insert the following:

10 "or parish governing authority, a qualified business may apply for a contract based
11 on a project located in a parish participating in the program. Application shall consist
12 of submission by the business"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 8

14 On page 4, line 10, after "shall" delete the remainder of the line and from the beginning of
15 line 11, delete "business project" and insert the following:

16 "only consider applications for projects which entail a capital investment in
17 Louisiana of at least twenty-five million dollars. At his discretion, he may
18 recommend the project of a qualified business"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 9

20 On page 4, at the beginning of line 26, after "A." and before "governor" delete "Upon
21 approval by the board and" and insert the following:

22 "(1) If the project is located in a parish which requires the approval of each
23 proposed contract by the parish governing authority pursuant to R.S.
24 47:4352(B)(1)(c), the secretary shall submit the proposed contract to the authority.
25 If approved, the proposed contract shall then be submitted by the secretary to the
26 board and the governor for approval.

27 (2) If the project is located in a parish which does not require parish
28 approval of each contract, the secretary shall submit the proposed contract to the
29 board and the governor for approval.

30 (3) Upon approval by the"