# 2015 Regular Session

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

### BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

# TAX/SALES & USE: Suspends the state sales and use tax exemption for business utilities

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION		
2	To suspend until sixty days after final adjournment of the 2016 Regular Session of the		
3	Legislature of Louisiana the exemption for business utilities as to the tax levied		
4	pursuant to R.S. 47:331 for sales of steam, water, electric power or energy, and		
5	natural gas, including but not limited to the exemptions in R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(b), (c),		
6	(d), and (g), and any other exemptions provided in those portions of Chapter 2 of		
7	Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, that provide for		
8	exemptions for business utilities from the taxes imposed therein.		
9	WHEREAS, whenever the condition of the state fisc permits, the Legislature of		
10	Louisiana has attempted to afford tax relief to its citizenry in the form of various exemptions		
11	from the sales and use tax; and		
12	WHEREAS, the financial condition of the state is such that monies lost due to these		
13	exemptions are critically needed to avoid cessation of vital services to the citizens of the		
14	state.		
15	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends		
16	all of the exemptions from the tax levied pursuant to R.S. 47:331 for sales of steam, water,		
17	electric power or energy, and natural gas, including but not limited to the exemptions in R.S.		
18	47:305(D)(1)(b), (c), (d), and (g), and any other exemptions provided in those portions of		
19	Chapter 2 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 that provide		
20	for exemptions for business utilities from the taxes imposed therein.		

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon
- 2 adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through the sixtieth day after final adjournment
- 3 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

#### DIGEST

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Suspends the exemption for business utilities as to the 0.97% state sale and use tax levy for sales of steam, water, electric power or energy, and natural gas.

(Suspends R.S. 47:305(D)(1)(b), (c), (d), and (g))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Ways and Means</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Delete the suspension of the exemption as to the 2% and 1% levy of state sales and use tax for sales of steam, water, electric power or energy, and natural gas.