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SENATE BILL NO. 140

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

TAX EXEMPTIONS. Constitutional Amendment to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain property delivered to a construction site. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to enact Article VII, Section 21(C)(20) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem tax exemptions; to provide for the exemption of property under 3 4 construction; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors 5 and provide a ballot proposition. 6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members 7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for 8 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to enact Article VII, 9 Section 21(C)(20) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: 10 §21. Other Property Exemptions 11 Section 21. In addition to the homestead exemption provided for in Section 20 of this Article, the following property and no other shall be exempt from ad 12 13 valorem taxation: 14 (C) 15 16 (20) All property, other than public service property, delivered to a 17

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1 construction project site for the purpose of incorporation into a building or 2 other construction and buildings and other constructions under construction, 3 until the completion of the construction project. 4 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted 5 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the special statewide election to be held on 6 7 October 14, 2017, if authorized by law enacted at the 2017 Regular Session of the 8 Legislature, or if not so authorized, to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide 9 election to be held on November 6, 2018. 10 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election 11 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as 12 13 follows: Do you support an amendment to prohibit the imposition of property tax on 14 15 property under construction? 16 (Adds Article VII, Section 21(C)(20))

The original instrument was prepared by Jerry J. Guillot. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

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<u>Present constitution</u> provides that certain property is exempt from ad valorem taxation.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> exempts all property, other than public service property, delivered to a construction project site for the purpose of incorporation into a building or other construction and buildings and other constructions under construction, until the completion of the construction project.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on October 14, 2017, if authorized by law enacted at the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature, or if not so authorized at the statewide election to be held on November 8, 2018.

(Adds Article VII, Section 21(C)(20))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to the original bill

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Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

1. Removes property subject to a cooperative agreement from the exemption.

- 2. Adds to the list of properties exempt from ad valorem taxation certain properties delivered in a construction project.
- 3. Provides for the election dates for the proposed amendment.