

**Tim Burns (HB 723)**

**Act No. 258**

Existing constitution permits increases in millage rates without voter approval under certain circumstances. Such increases require approval of two-thirds vote of the governing authority of the taxing authority at a public hearing held for such purpose.

Existing law provides for a variety of requirements relative to the timing and contents of the public notice for the hearing in accordance with existing constitution.

New law adds a requirement to existing law applicable in parishes with a population between 230,000 and 250,000 according to the most recent federal census, requiring taxing authorities with non-elected governing authorities to schedule such public hearings in coordination with all other taxing authorities with non-elected governing authorities so that hearings are held on the same date and at the same location. New law requires the parish governing authority to establish a location and two specific dates upon which such hearings may be held.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 47:1705.1)