

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 771

BY REPRESENTATIVES TIM BURNS AND HINES

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1705(B)(2)(c)(i), relative to ad valorem tax; to provide for
3 requirements for notices for public hearings on proposals to increase millage rates
4 without voter approval; to require publication of certain information related to such
5 millage increases; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:1705(B)(2)(c)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §1705. Information supplied to assessor and legislative auditor by tax recipient
10 agencies; additional notices

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12 B.

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14 (2) In order to accomplish this result, the following shall be mandatory:

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16 (c)(i) In addition to any notice requirements provided for in Article VII,
17 Section 23(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana and this Section, any tax recipient
18 body which proposes to hold a public hearing in any tax year for the purpose of
19 levying additional or increased millages on property without further voter approval
20 shall publish, by July fifteenth, public notice of the date, time, and place of the
21 hearing. The notice shall contain a statement that the tax recipient body intends to
22 consider at the hearing levying additional or increased millage rates without further
23 voter approval. It shall also contain the following information relating to the

1 proposal for the increased millage sought under the provisions of Paragraph (1) of
2 this Subsection.

3 (aa) An estimate of the amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next
4 tax year from the increased millage as compared to the amount of tax revenue for the
5 current year, and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase.

6 (bb) For purposes of the Internet publication only, the notice shall contain
7 a recitation of the current budget of the taxing authority.

8 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any notice which has already
9 been published with respect to millage changes for the 2010 tax year.

10 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
14 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____