

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 639

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAZEL

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1284(B) and (C) and 1285(A)(1), relative to elections called  
3 by political subdivisions; to provide requirements for bond propositions; to provide  
4 requirements for tax propositions; to provide requirements for notice of tax elections;  
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:1284(B) and (C) and 1285(A)(1) are hereby amended and  
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1284. Resolution calling election; proposition

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11 B. If the purpose of the election is to authorize the issuance of bonds, the  
12 resolution and the proposition submitted to the voters shall state the purpose for  
13 which the bonds are to be issued and, if required by the law pursuant to which the  
14 bonds are issued, the estimated millage rate to be levied in the first year of issue, the  
15 maximum amount of the bonds to be issued, the number of years for which the bonds  
16 are to run, and the maximum rate of interest on the bonds.

17 C. If the purpose of the election is to authorize the levy or increase of a  
18 special tax, the resolution and the proposition submitted to the voters shall state the  
19 rate, object, and purpose for which the tax is to be levied or increased; the estimated  
20 amount reasonably expected to be collected from the levy or increase of the tax for  
21 one entire year at the time it is proposed; and, if it is to be limited as to duration, the  
22 number of years it is to run. If the purpose of the election is to authorize an increase  
23 of a tax, the resolution and the proposition shall also state the rate increase. The

1           contents of any proposition or resolution relative to the issuance of general  
2           obligation bonds shall be as provided in Subsection B of this Section.

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4           §1285. Notice of election

5                           A.(1) Notice of the election shall be given and shall embrace substantially  
6           all matters required to be set forth in the resolution ordering the election, including  
7           a list of precincts where the proposition will be voted on and an indication for each  
8           precinct as to whether or not all registered voters in the precinct will be eligible to  
9           vote on the proposition, unless the proposition is to be voted on parishwide. If the  
10          notice is relative to the increase of a special tax, the notice shall also state the  
11          proposed increase in the millage rate of a property tax or percentage rate of sales tax.

12          The list of commissioners for an election called in accordance with R.S. 18:1286(A)  
13          is not required to be set forth in the notice of election. It also shall state that the  
14          governing authority of the political subdivision ordering the election will, in open  
15          session, at the hour and place named, proceed to canvass the returns and declare the  
16          result of the election.

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18          Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2011.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_