

SENATE BILL NO. 177

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1705(B)(2)(c)(i)(introductory paragraph), (ii), and (iii)(cc), relative to information provided regarding millage rates; to provide relative to certain public notice requirements with respect to the levy of additional or increased millage rates without voter approval; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1.R.S. 47:1705(B)(2)(c)(i)(introductory paragraph), (ii), and (iii)(cc) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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

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(c)(i) In addition to any notice requirements provided for in Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana and this Section, any tax recipient body which proposes to hold a public hearing in any tax year for the purpose of levying additional or increased millages on property without further voter approval shall publish, ~~by July fifteenth~~ **by the date provided for in Item (ii) of this Subparagraph**, public notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing. The notice shall contain a statement that the tax recipient body intends to consider at the hearing levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval. It shall also contain the following information relating to the proposal for the increased millage sought under the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

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(ii)(aa) The notice shall be published, **by July fifteenth**, on two separate days, occurring no less than thirty days before the hearing date, in the official journal

1 of the taxing authority, and in another newspaper with a larger circulation within the
 2 taxing authority than the official journal of the taxing authority, if there is one. On
 3 the first day of publication, the notice shall also be posted on the Internet website of
 4 the taxing authority, if such taxing authority maintains an Internet website. The
 5 Internet posting shall remain active until such time as the taxing authority has taken
 6 action to approve or disapprove, or has abandoned action on, the proposed millage
 7 increase.

8 **(bb) However, in the event that a taxing authority has submitted a notice**
 9 **to the official journal in conformity with the date required for the submission**
 10 **of advertisements for publication by July fifteenth, and the official journal fails**
 11 **to publish the notice by July fifteenth, the publication of the notice shall be**
 12 **deemed to be in accordance with the publication requirements provided in this**
 13 **Subparagraph if, and only if, the notice is published by July twenty-fifth.**

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15 (iii) Requirements for the notice required in this Subparagraph shall be
 16 prescribed by the Louisiana Tax Commission which requirements shall include:

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18 (cc) A size of not less than two ~~inches~~ **columns** by four inches.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____