

SENATE BILL NO. 221

BY SENATORS ALARIO, THOMPSON AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BARRAS, BARROW, WESLEY BISHOP, BROADWATER, GUILLORY, HAZEL, LAMBERT, LORUSSO, RITCHIE, THIBAUT AND WHITNEY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart DD of Part 1 of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana
3 Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:120.102, relative to donations
4 of refunds; to provide for such donations to the Louisiana Association of United
5 Ways/LA 2-1-1; to authorize the secretary of the Department of Revenue to
6 administer and disburse donated monies; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Subpart DD of Part 1 of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the
9 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:120.102 is hereby enacted to read
10 as follows:

11 **SUBPART DD. LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF UNITED WAYS/LA 2-1-1**

12 **DONATION**

13 **§120.102. Income tax checkoff; donation for Louisiana Association of United**
14 **Ways/LA 2-1-1**

15 **A. Every individual who files an individual income tax return for the**
16 **current tax year and who is entitled to a refund may designate on his current**
17 **year return that all or any portion of the total amount of the refund to which he**
18 **is entitled shall be donated to the Louisiana Association of United Ways/LA 2-1-**
19 **1, hereinafter referred to as "United Ways/LA 2-1-1", in lieu of that amount**
20 **being paid to him as a refund, in which case the refund shall be reduced by the**
21 **amount so designated. The designation shall be made at the time of the filing of**
22 **the current year tax return and shall be made on the income tax return form as**
23 **prescribed by the secretary of the Department of Revenue. No donation made**
24 **under the provisions of this Subsection shall be invalid for lack of an authentic**
25 **act.**

1 **B. Donated monies shall be administered by the secretary and disbursed**
 2 **to United Ways/LA 2-1-1 in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 47:120.37.**
 3 **The United Ways/LA 2-1-1 shall use the monies derived from such donations for**
 4 **the 2-1-1 helpline for the purpose of alerting and educating the public on**
 5 **important services, opportunities, crises, and facts, and for necessary staff and**
 6 **administrative costs associated with the United Ways/LA 2-1-1 program.**

7 **C. The Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs or the House**
 8 **Committee on Ways and Means, may, at its discretion, request a report from**
 9 **the United Ways/LA 2-1-1 relative to its operations. The form and content of the**
 10 **report shall be prescribed by the chairman of the committee, but the report**
 11 **shall at a minimum contain a detailed explanation of the revenues and**
 12 **expenditures, as well as a description of the organization's activities. The**
 13 **committee may summon any person employed by or associated with the United**
 14 **Ways/LA 2-1-1 to provide testimony with respect to the report.**

15 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to taxable years beginning
 16 on or after January 1, 2012.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____