

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

TAX/CORP FRANCHISE: Suspends the corporation franchise tax levied on domestic and foreign corporations and the initial tax levied on certain business entities subject to the corporation franchise tax

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To suspend until sixty days after final adjournment of the 2021 Regular Session of the

3 Legislature of Louisiana the state corporation franchise tax levied on domestic and

4 foreign corporations pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 47:601(A) and to suspend the

5 initial tax levied on corporations or other entities for the first accounting period in

6 which the entity becomes subject to the corporation franchise tax pursuant to the

7 provisions of R.S. 47:611(A).

8 WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Emergency

9 Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, which declared a statewide public health emergency as

10 a result of the imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by the outbreak of a respiratory

11 disease caused by a novel coronavirus known commonly as COVID-19; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Emergency

13 Proclamation Number 27 JBE 2020, which supplemented the measures taken in his

14 declaration of a public health emergency with additional restrictions in order to further

15 protect the health and safety of the public because of COVID-19; and

16 WHEREAS, On March 22, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Emergency

17 Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020 which implemented additional measures, including a

18 general stay-at-home order to the public and the temporary closure of certain businesses and

19 further limiting the operations of certain non-essential businesses to the public to mitigate

20 the impact of COVID-19, and to disrupt the spread of the virus; and

1 WHEREAS, as a result of the issuance of the general stay-at-home order and the
2 temporary closure of certain businesses and the further limiting of the operations of certain
3 non-essential businesses to the public, businesses as well as employees have suffered great
4 economic losses; and

5 WHEREAS, in an effort to mitigate some of the financial losses suffered by
6 businesses, the state should consider temporarily suspending the state corporation franchise
7 tax levied on domestic and foreign corporations and suspending the initial tax levied on
8 corporations or other entities for the first accounting period in which the entity becomes
9 subject to the corporation franchise tax.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends
11 the provisions of the state corporation franchise tax levied on domestic and foreign
12 corporations pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 47:601(A) and suspends the initial tax levied
13 on corporations or other entities for the first accounting period in which the entity becomes
14 subject to the corporation franchise tax pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 47:611(A).

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon
16 adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through the sixtieth day after final adjournment
17 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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(Suspends R.S. 47:601(A) and 611(A))