2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 451

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

TAX/CORP INCOME: Levies a flat tax on corporations and eliminates the deduction for federal income taxes paid for purposes of computing corporate income taxes

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 47:93(B), 241, 287.12, 287.69, 287.442(B)(1), 300.6(A), and
3	300.7(A), to enact R.S. 47:55(6), and to repeal R.S. 47:287.79, 287.83, and 287.85,
4	relative to income tax; to provide relative to the rate of the corporation income tax;
5	to provide relative to the deductibility of federal income taxes; to repeal deductibility
6	of federal income taxes paid for purposes of calculating corporate income taxes; to
7	provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related
8	matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. R.S. 47:93(B), 241, 287.12, 287.69, 287.442(B)(1), 300.6(A), and
11	300.7(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:55(6) is hereby enacted to read as
12	follows:
13	§55. Deductions from gross income; taxes generally
14	In computing net income, there shall be allowed as deductions all taxes paid
15	or accrued within the taxable year except:
16	* * *
17	(6) Federal income taxes paid by corporations and entities taxed as
18	corporations.
19	* * *

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1	§93. Period for which deductions and credits shall be taken	
2	* * *	
3	B. The proper year in which to claim deductions for federal income and	
4	excess profits taxes allowable under the provisions of R.S. 47:55 shall be determined	
5	as follows, regardless of the method of accounting regularly employed by the	
6	taxpayer:	
7	(1) The amount of tax shown to be due upon the federal income tax return	
8	of the <u>individual or fiduciary</u> taxpayer, as filed, shall be allowed as a deduction in <u>on</u>	
9	the state individual or fiduciary income tax return for the same period as that for	
10	which such federal return is filed.	
11	(2) Federal income and excess profits taxes paid after the filing of the federal	
12	return in addition to the amount disclosed to be due by the return as filed shall be	
13	allowed as a deduction in on the state individual or fiduciary income tax return for	
14	that period if it is not prescribed. If it is prescribed, the deduction for such additional	
15	taxes shall be allowed as a deduction in the state return for the period in which such	
16	additional tax is paid. This Subsection shall apply to all such payments afte	
17	December 31, 1973.	
18	* * *	
19	§241. Net income subject to tax	
20	<u>A.</u> The net income of a nonresident individual or a corporation subject to the	
21	tax imposed by this Chapter shall be the sum of the net allocable income earned	
22	within or derived from sources within this state, as defined in R.S. 47:243, and the	
23	net apportionable income derived from sources in this state, as defined in R.S.	
24	47:244, less the amount of federal income taxes attributable to the net allocable	
25	income and net apportionable income derived from sources in this state. The amount	
26	of federal income taxes to be so deducted shall be that portion of the total federal	
27	income tax which is levied with respect to the particular income derived from	
28	sources in this state to be computed in accordance with rules and regulations of the	
29	collector of revenue. Proper adjustment shall be made for the actual tax rates	

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1	applying to different classes of income and for all differences in the computation of	
2	net income for purposes of federal income taxation as compared to the computation	
3	of net income under this Chapter. Where the allocation of the tax is to be based on	
4	a ratio of the amount of net income of a particular class, both the numerator and the	
5	denominator of the fraction used in determining the ratio shall be computed on the	
6	basis that such net income is determined for federal income tax purposes.	
7	B. The net income of a corporation subject to the tax imposed by this	
8	Chapter shall be the sum of the net allocable income earned within or derived from	
9	sources within this state, as defined in R.S. 47:243, and the net apportionable income	
10	derived from sources in this state, as defined in R.S. 47:244.	
11	* * *	
12	§287.12. Rates of tax	
13	The tax to be assessed, levied, collected, and paid upon the Louisiana taxable	
14	income of every corporation shall be computed at the rate of:	
15	(1) Four percent upon the first twenty-five thousand dollars of Louisiana	
16	taxable income.	
17	(2) Five percent upon the amount of Louisiana taxable income above twenty-	
18	five thousand dollars but not in excess of fifty thousand dollars.	
19	(3) Six percent on the amount of Louisiana taxable income above fifty	
20	thousand dollars but not in excess of one hundred thousand dollars.	
21	(4) Seven percent on the amount of Louisiana taxable income above one	
22	hundred thousand dollars but not in excess of two hundred thousand dollars.	
23	(5) Eight percent six percent on all Louisiana taxable income in excess of two	
24	hundred thousand dollars.	
25	* * *	
26	§287.69. Louisiana taxable income defined	
27	"Louisiana taxable income" means Louisiana net income, after adjustments ,	
28	less the federal income tax deduction allowed by R.S. 47:287.85. "After adjustments"	

1	means after the application of the net operating loss adjustment allowed by R.S.			
2	47:287.86.			
3	* * *			
4	§287.442. Exceptions to taxable year of inclusion; taxable year deductions taken			
5	* * *			
6	B. Period for which deductions and credits shall be taken.			
7	(1) The taxable year in which to claim the federal income tax deduction			
8	allowed by R.S. 47:287.85 shall be determined as follows, regardless of the method			
9	of accounting regularly employed by the taxpayer:			
10	(a) The federal income tax deduction may be claimed for the same taxable			
11	year in which the federal income tax sought to be deducted is incurred, provided the			
12	taxpayer files a federal income tax return for such taxable year or is included with			
13	affiliates in a consolidated federal income tax return for such taxable year.			
14	(b)(i) Taxable year for adjustments to taxpayer's federal income tax return.			
15	Except as otherwise provided in this Subparagraph, adjustments affecting federal			
16	taxable income which are made to the taxpayer's income tax return subsequent to			
17	filing, whether made because of a deficiency proposed by the government, a court			
18	order, an amended return, or other appropriate instrument or act, showing an			
19	overpayment or a deficiency shall be taken into account for purposes of this Part in			
20	the period for which the return was filed, unless the prescriptive period for the			
21	collection of tax or the refund or credit of overpayments, as the case may be, has			
22	expired. If the applicable prescriptive period has expired, the additional tax paid by			
23	the taxpayer in the case of an underpayment or the refund or credit received by the			
24	taxpayer in the case of an overpayment shall be for the taxable year such tax was			
25	paid, such refund was received, or such credit was allowed, as the case may be.			
26	(ii)(b) When a federal refund results from transactions or conditions which			
27	arise after the close of the taxable year for which the refund is made, such federal			
28	refund shall be taken into account, for purposes of this Part, for the taxable year in			
29	which arose the transactions or conditions causing the refund.			

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1	(c) Taking federal adjustments into account. A payment of additional federal		
2	tax upon income which has borne Louisiana tax shall be taken into account by		
3	decreasing taxable income. That portion, if any, of such additional federal tax		
4	payment which would be disallowed as a deduction under either R.S. 47:287.81 or		
5	R.S. 47:287.83 shall be excluded from such adjustment. Refunds or credits of		
6	federal overpayments, including refunds or credits created by the carryback of a		
7	federal net operating loss, shall be taken into account by increasing Louisiana net		
8	income or decreasing the Louisiana net loss, as the case may be. That portion, if any,		
9	of the federal refund or credit of an overpayment which has not previously been		
10	charged against or deducted from Louisiana net income shall be excluded from such		
11	adjustment.		
12	(d) Adjustments made to the Louisiana return. Adjustments to a return filed		
13	pursuant to this Part, whether initiated by the secretary or the taxpayer, shall be taken		
14	into account in the taxable year for which the return was filed in accordance with		
15	rules, regulations, or forms prescribed by the secretary.		
16	* * *		
17	§300.6. Louisiana taxable income of resident estate or trust		
18	A. Definition. "Louisiana taxable income" of a resident estate or trust means		
19	the taxable income of the estate or trust determined in accordance with federal law		
20	for the same taxable year, as specifically modified by the provisions contained in		
21	Subsection B of this Section, less a federal income tax deduction to be computed		
22	following the provisions of R.S. 47:287.83 and 287.85. in accordance with the		
23	following provisions:		
24	(1) In computing Louisiana taxable income, no federal income tax deduction		
25	shall be allowed on net income upon which no Louisiana income tax has been		
26	incurred, or upon which, for any reason whatsoever, no Louisiana income tax will		
27	be paid. For purposes of this Section, the federal income tax deduction may be		
28	recomputed and reduced to reflect the application of a net operating loss adjustment.		
29	When computing Louisiana taxable income, the secretary may consider reductions		

1	to the federal income tax deduction in accordance with the provisions of this
2	Paragraph.
3	(2) The alternative minimum tax is a federal income tax deductible to the
4	extent that it is applicable to regular federal taxable income. Any alternative
5	minimum tax paid on tax preference items shall not be deductible. In accordance
6	with the provisions of this Paragraph, the secretary may determine the deductible
7	portion of the alternative minimum tax.
8	(3) For purposes of this Section, federal income taxes shall include taxes
9	based on net income, accumulated earnings, war profits, excess profits, personal
10	holding company income, and tax from recomputation of investment credit. The
11	amount of the federal income tax deduction shall be that portion of the total federal
12	income tax, after application of all credits, which is levied on income derived solely
13	from sources in this state as computed under rules and regulations prescribed by the
14	secretary. For purposes of federal income taxation as compared to the computation
15	of net income under this Part, proper adjustment shall be made for the actual tax
16	rates as applied to different classes of income and for all differences in the
17	computation of net income.
18	(4) As used in this Subsection, the term "credits" shall not include
19	overpayments of prior year taxes allowed as a credit, estimated tax payments or
20	similar prepayments, credit for prior year alternative minimum tax that is allowed as
21	a credit against the current regular federal income tax, or federal income tax credits
22	determined by the secretary to be presidential disaster area disaster relief credits.
23	* * *
24	§300.7. Louisiana taxable income of nonresident estate or trust
25	A. Definition. "Louisiana taxable income" of a nonresident estate or trust
26	means such the portion of the taxable income of the nonresident estate or trust
27	determined in accordance with federal law for the same taxable year, as specifically

modified by the provisions contained in Subsection C of this Section, that was earned

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1	within or derived from sources within this state, less a federal income tax deduction
2	to be computed following the provisions of R.S. 47:287.83 and 287.85 <u>R.S. 47:300.6</u> .
3	* * *
4	Section 2. R.S. 47:287.79, 287.83, and 287.85 are hereby repealed in their entirety.
5	Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to all tax years beginning
6	on and after January 1, 2020.
7	Section 4. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2020, if the proposed
8	amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which
9	originated as House Bill No of this 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted
10	at a statewide election and becomes effective.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 451 Original	2019 Regular Session	Ivev

Abstract: Repeals the deductibility of federal income taxes paid for purposes of calculating corporate income taxes and changes the corporate income tax rate <u>from</u> a graduated schedule of rates dependent on the taxable income of the taxpayer to a flat rate of 6%.

<u>Present constitution</u> and <u>present law</u> authorize a state deduction for federal income taxes paid for purposes of computing income taxes for the same period.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals the <u>present law</u> provisions that authorize a state deduction for federal income taxes paid for purposes of calculating corporate income taxes.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the computation of La. taxable income for a resident estate or trust, including provisions for the federal income tax deduction, limitations of deductions for net income, provisions for the federal deduction for alternative minimum tax, and the authority of the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue to consider reductions to the federal income tax deduction and the determination of the deductible portion of an alternative minimum tax.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> except as it applies to the deductibility of federal income taxes.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the tax to be assessed, levied, collected, and paid on the La. taxable income of every corporation shall be computed at the following rates:

- (1) 4% on the first \$25,000 of La. taxable income.
- (2) 5% on La. taxable income above \$25,000 but not in excess of \$50,000.
- (3) 6% on La. taxable income above \$50,000 but not in excess of \$100,000.

- (4) 7% on La. taxable income above \$100,000 but not in excess of \$200,000.
- (5) 8% on all La. taxable income in excess of \$200,000.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> by deleting the graduated schedule of rates dependant on the amount of taxable income of the taxpayer in favor of a flat 6% corporate income tax rate.

Applicable for all taxable periods beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2020.

Effective Jan. 1, 2020, if the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of La. contained in the Act which originated as House Bill No. _____ of this 2019 R.S. of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 47:93(B), 241, 287.12, 287.69, 287.442(B)(1), 300.6(A), and 300.7(A); Adds R.S. 47:55(6); Repeals R.S. 47:287.79, 287.83, and 287.85)