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Fiscal Note

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Opp. Chamb. Action: w/ CONF COMM AMD
Sub. Bill For.:
Proposed Amd.:

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Dept./Agy.: Orleans Parish
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TAX/AD VALOREM-EXEMPTION REC -\$5,200,000 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
(Constitutional Amendment) Removes prohibition against extending exemption for motor vehicles to municipal taxes

Purpose of Bill: This measure would remove language from the constitution that allows municipal governing authorities to levy ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles.

Note: The Orleans Parish Board of Assessors is the only entity that assesses this tax. The City of New Orleans collects the tax.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This measure would increase state general fund expenditures by approximately \$116,000 relating to the cost of the election. According to the Secretary of State officials, this cost is limited to the placement of this constitutional amendment on the November 7, 2006 ballot and publishing the proposed constitutional amendment in the 64 official parish journals.

This measure may decrease local government expenditures by at least \$200,000 for the costs to bill and collect the tax. Assuming the constitutional amendment is approved by the state's voters, the City of New Orleans would not have to incur the direct cost of administering this tax, which includes printing, mailing, and collection costs.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure will decrease local governmental revenues by approximately \$5.2 million a year assuming the state's voters approve the constitutional amendment.

According to a city official, in 2004, the city collected \$5.2 million for this tax and the collection rate was 67% (approximately \$7.8 million billed). In addition, collections increased by 16% from 2003's collections (\$4.5 million). For the purpose of this fiscal note, we are assuming that collections will remain relatively stable for the next five years.

Senate Dual Referral Rules House
13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change
6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease
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