



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note Summary**

FISCAL NOTE ON: SB 29  
SRS98-81  
STATUS OF BILL: ENGROSSED

<b>DATE:</b> May 27, 1998 <b>DEPT:</b> Local Government <b>SUBJECT:</b> Blighted Properties	<b>AUTHOR:</b> bagneris  <b>ANALYST:</b> Willie Marie Scott
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**PURPOSE OF BILL:**

TAX/TAXATION. Constitutional amendment authorizing a waiver of tax liens and tax liabilities to owners of blighted properties under certain conditions.

The proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the waiver of tax liens and tax liabilities of owners of blighted property who have sold the blighted property, at less than the appraised value, in connection with a property renovation plan that has been approved by the parish or municipal government where the property is located. It further provides that the purchaser cannot be a member of the immediate family of the property owner nor can it be an entity in which the owner has a substantial economic interest.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

EXPENDITURES	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	5 YEAR TOTAL
State General Fund	28000	0	0	0	0	\$28,000
Agy Self Generated	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Stat Deds/Other	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Local Funds	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>

REVENUES	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	5 YEAR TOTAL
State General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Agy Self Generated	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Stat Deds/Other	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	DECREASE	SEE BELOW	
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>						

**EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

The cost of placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot at the 1998 congressional primary election would be minimal cost to the Department of Elections & Registration since funding would already be provided for a statewide election. The Department of State would realize an increase in state general fund expenditures of \$28,000. This would cover the cost of approximately 70,000 data voter cards for absentee voting and the cost of publishing the proposed constitutional amendment in all 64 official parish journals.

**REVENUES:**

The effects of the proposed legislation may increase or decrease revenues. The decrease in revenues would depend on the number of waivers of ad valorem tax liens on blighted property owners approved by local governing authorities, the amount of the ad valorem tax liens, and the number of former property owners who would not pay their tax lien. The increase in revenues would result from the tax assessment on redeveloped or renovated property. The fiscal impact will depend on the number of blighted properties purchased and the assessment value of the properties after the redevelopment or renovation of such properties.

**Senate Dual Referral Rules:**

- [ ]: 13.5.1 >=\$500,000 Fiscal Cost
- [ ]: 13.5.2 >=\$500,000 Tax or Fee Change

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