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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note Summary

FISCAL NOTE ON: SB 320
SRS 97-1701

STATUS OF BILL: ENGROSSED

Date: June 1, 1997
Dept: LA Tax Commission
Subject: Homestead Exemption For Senior Citizens

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PURPOSE OF BILL:

TAX EXEMPTIONS. Constitutional amendment to freeze the tax assessment of the homestead of a person 65 years of age or older and his surviving spouse and minor children. (1/1/00) To be submitted at the congressional primary election in 1998, to become effective January 1, 2000.

Caps the assessment of residential property receiving the homestead exemption and owned by person(s) 65 years old or older at the level it is for the year the owner reaches 65 years old. Taxpayers claim this special assessment by providing written notification to the assessor. This assessment remains in effect so long as the owner, the surviving spouse, or the minor children remain eligible for the homestead exemption. New owners must claim their own special assessment. Any millage rate applied to this assessment would not be subject to a ceiling.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, REVENUES, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 5 YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State General Fund, Agy. Self Generated, Stat. Deds./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

EXPENDITURES:

There is no anticipated direct effect on expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUES:

This bill will freeze the assessment value on property currently subject to taxation. As aggregate assessments grow, properties affected by this bill will not be subject to rising dollar tax bills as a result of rising assessments (although the tax bill can still rise as a result of rising millages).

While data necessary to estimate the amount of affected tax revenue is not available, the 1990 census provides some information of interest. According to that data, some 27% of owner-occupied housing in the state has a householder who is 65 years of age or older, and these homes represent some 23% of aggregate owner-occupied home value in the state.

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