



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 647** HLS 99- 2198  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp Chamb Action:  
 Sub Bill For:  
 Proposed Amd:

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**Subject:** Allows certain WLF trust funds to be invested in stocks

**FUNDS/INVESTMENTS**

(Constitutional Amendment) Authorizes the investment in stocks of certain trust funds dedicated for use by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

The bill would provide for a constitutional amendment to allow for the investment in stocks of a portion not to exceed 35% of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund and the Russell Sage or Marsh Island Refuge Fund.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1999-00</b>	<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>5 YEAR TOTAL</b>
State General Fd.	\$28,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,500
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$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>\$28,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,500</b>

  

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>1999-00</b>	<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>5 YEAR TOTAL</b>
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<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:**

**EXPENDITURES:**

State General Fund expenditures are anticipated to increase by \$28,500 in FY 1999-2000.

The cost of placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot at the 1999 gubernatorial primary election would be a 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 \$28,500 in FY00. This would cover the cost of approximately 70,000 data cards for absentee voting and the cost of publishing the proposed constitutional amendment in all 64 official parish journals.

**REVENUES:**

The effect on revenue collections from this legislation will depend upon the investment decisions made in the purchasing of stocks. The price of stocks are affected by both economic and speculative factors which cannot always be accurately anticipated. Over a long term time frame stocks in general, particularly stock index funds, have tended to increase faster than many alternative investment vehicles. However, the market is always prone to periodic corrections and other fluctuations. Purchases of such investments can, particularly in the short run, yield negative results as well as positive results. The Legislative Fiscal Office cannot predict the investment decisions which might be made with these funds or the movement of either individual stocks or the stock market in general in relation to these investment decisions.

**Senate** Dual Referral Rules

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

**House**

- 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Fiscal Cost
- 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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