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DISTRICTS/CRIME PREVENT RE +\$442,300 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Creates the Faubourg Marigny Security and Improvement District in Orleans Parish

Purpose of Bill: This measure creates the Faubourg Marigny Security and Improvement District in Orleans Parish for the purpose of aiding in crime prevention by providing security for district residents and to provide for the overall betterment of the district. The district will be governed by a seven member board of commissioners, who will serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the governance of the district. The measure authorizes the district to impose and collect a fee for each parcel in the district, if approved by a majority of the voters in the district at an election held for that purpose. No fee will be imposed upon any parcel whose owner qualifies for the special assessment level provided by Article VII, Section 18(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Local government expenditures may increase by \$442,300 annually as a result of this measure.

According to an official with the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, they anticipate spending the funds on security patrols, cameras, community improvement and beautification projects, program management, and the statutory City of New Orleans 1% collection fee.

The district will also be responsible for its share of the cost to hold the election. Information obtained from the Secretary of State's Office indicated the cost, for a single precinct, to hold an election on this matter could range from a high of \$3,500, if the election is held alone; to a low of \$60 if the election is held at the same time as a statewide election. The cost would increase as additional precincts are added.

The expenditure figures contain the maximum election cost of \$3,500 for a single precinct since the voters in this district will have to vote on the measure in order to initially impose the fee and then vote to renew it before it expires on December 31, 2018.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Local government revenues may increase by \$442,300 annually as a result of this measure.

According to an official with the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association the parcel fees collected would be as follows:

- a) \$290,800 from 1,454 residential parcels with unimproved or 1-2 improved units at \$200 each,
b) \$ 46,500 from 155 residential parcels with three or more improved units at \$300 each,
c) \$105,000 from 210 commercial parcels at \$500 each

This measure states that: If approved, the initial fee shall expire on December 31, 2018, but the fee may be renewed if approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district at an election held for that purpose and the renewal shall not exceed four years.

This measure would allow the city of New Orleans to retain one percent of the amount collected as a collection fee.

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[] 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
[X] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
[] 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}
[] 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
[] 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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