

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

ACT 788

Fiscal Note On: **SB 507** SLS 10RS 594

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:



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| Subject: Local Government Lobbyist | | |

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Provides for the regulation and disclosure of expenditures by persons who lobby local government. (8/15/10)

The proposed law requires persons acting in a representative capacity who are trying to influence the action of a local governmental official and making expenditures in excess of \$500 in a calendar year to register as a lobbyist with the Louisiana Board of Ethics and to electronically file monthly disclosure reports.

| EXPENDITURES | <u>2010-11</u> | <u>2011-12</u> | <u>2012-13</u> | <u>2013-14</u> | <u>2014-15</u> | <u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u> |
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| State Gen. Fd. | SEE BELOW | |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Ded./Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. A program similar to the current lobbying online system for those lobbying the state legislative and executive branches will be developed utilizing in-house staff. It is not known how many persons will make expenditures at the local level that will require them to register and report as lobbyists with the Board of Ethics. Depending on the number of individuals registering and filing monthly reports, it could necessitate the hiring of an additional employee to review the reports filed and investigate potential violations of the local lobbying law.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Persons who do not timely register or file expenditure reports are subject to a \$50 per day late fee (up to a maximum of \$1,500 for each report), as well as other penalties for violations of the law. Late fees, fines and penalties collected are deposited into the State's general funds. It is unknown how many persons will be subject to said penalties.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

- 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
- 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

- 6.8(F) >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost
- 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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