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Fiscal Note On: **HB 219** HLS 11RS 256

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Provides for specific uses for the Atchafalaya Basin Conservation Fund

Present constitution allocates 50% (up to \$10 million per year) of the severance taxes and royalty receipts from state lands in the Atchafalaya Basin into the Atchafalaya Basin Conservation Fund when forecasted severance tax collections exceed FY 09 actual collections. These provisions become effective April 1, 2012. Present law specifies how monies appropriated from the fund shall be used.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that of funds received from the severance tax dedication, five percent shall be set aside for the department to purchase, in fee title from willing sellers, land located within the Atchafalaya Basin to be used as conservation servitudes. The mineral rights shall remain with the owner from whom the land was purchased. The conservation easements may be used to provide a match for the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Louisiana Project.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation allocates 5% of funds received from the dedication of severance taxes and royalties on state lands in the Atchafalaya Basin for the Department of Natural Resources to purchase land located within the Basin for conservation servitudes. The severance tax and royalty dedication may be up to \$10 million per year, and the allocation proposed by this bill would amount to as much as \$500,000 per year for such purposes.

Under current projections of severance taxes, the dedication provided in Article VII, Section 4(D)(4) is not expected to occur within the current projection horizon through FY16.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

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 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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