



# OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 1019** HLS 14RS 67  
Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ #2 SEN COMM AMD**  
Proposed Amd.:  
Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Creation of Commission		

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Creates the St. Bernard Parish Economic Development Commission

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill creates the St. Bernard Parish Economic Development Commission for the purposes of promoting, encouraging, and participating in industrial development to stimulate the economy through commerce, industry, and research and for the utilization and development of natural, physical, and human resources of the area by providing job opportunities.

This bill also provides that a board is to be appointed and who is to appoint these members. In addition, this bill provides for the powers of the Commission, including the ability to levy a property tax not to exceed 5 mills.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
<b>Annual Total</b>						

  

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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### EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

**The impact of this bill on local governmental expenditures is indeterminable.**

We were unable to determine the impact of this bill on governmental expenditures due to a lack of information regarding the St. Bernard Parish Economic Development Commission's expenditure plans. However, this bill authorizes the Commission to impose a parish-wide property tax not to exceed 5 mills, and officials with the St. Bernard Parish Government indicated that a 5 mills property tax could generate approximately \$1.6 million annually. Assuming that the Commission seeks a 5 mills property tax and uses this money for its purposes, local governmental expenditures could increase by \$1.6 million annually.

An official with the Secretary of State indicated that it would cost St. Bernard Parish approximately \$50,700 to hold a parish-wide election if the tax proposition was the only item on the ballot. The cost for the tax proposition could be lower if additional items are on the ballot.

### REVENUE EXPLANATION

**The overall effect of this bill on governmental revenues is indeterminable at this time. However, if approved by the voters, a tax of 5 mills could generate approximately \$1.6 million annually.**

We were unable to determine the impact of this bill on governmental revenues due to a lack of information regarding the St. Bernard Parish Economic Development Commission's revenue plans. However, this bill authorizes the Commission to impose a parish-wide property tax not to exceed 5 mills, and officials with the St. Bernard Parish Government indicated that a 5 mills property tax could generate approximately \$1.6 million annually. Assuming that the Commission seeks a 5 mills property tax, local governmental revenues could increase by \$1.6 million annually.

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House
- 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
  - 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
  - 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
  - 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}
  - 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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