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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: HB 239 HLS 15RS 273
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Opp. Chamb. Action:
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Tangipahoa Parish Constables Analyst: Robbie Robinson
Subject: Authorizes constables to appoint a deputy

COURTS/JUSTICE OF PEACE OR INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Authorizes each elected constable of a justice of the peace court in Tangipahoa Parish to appoint deputy constables

Purpose of Bill: This measure would allow each of the elected constables in Tangipahoa Parish to appoint as many deputy constables as needed. Any deputy constable appointed will not be entitled to any compensation from the local governing body or political subdivision, other than the constable's office, and shall not be entitled to any compensation from the state. Each constable may fix the compensation of his deputy, the constable may pay the deputy from the fees generated by his office. The premium on bonds required, insurance premiums, and expenses necessary for the performance of the duties required by the deputy may be paid from the fees generated by the constable's office.

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.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 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

There may be an increase in local governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

There are currently seven elected constables in Tangipahoa Parish. The measure would allow the elected constable to appoint a deputy constable, if the elected constable needs assistance performing his required duties.

The Constable of Ward 8 stated that he would appoint a deputy constable with appropriate qualifications who would work on a volunteer basis, when the Constable of Ward 8 is not available for court. The Constable of Ward 8 would have minimal increased expenditures for training, insurance, bonds, and travel that may be associated with the appointment of a deputy constable. He indicated that any increased costs would be absorbed by funds already allocated to the office.

Other elected constables in Tangipahoa Parish stated that they do not have funds available to appoint a deputy constable.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

- 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 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}
6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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