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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 406** SLS 26RS 195
 Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Hotel Occupancy Tax		

TAX/LOCAL EN +\$590,000 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Authorizes the city of Slidell to levy a hotel occupancy tax. (gov sig)

Purpose of Bill: This bill authorizes the City of Slidell, subject to voter approval, to levy a hotel occupancy tax not to exceed 2% of the rent or fee charged for occupancy. The proceeds of this tax are to be used for the construction, operation, and maintenance of recreational facilities in the city or other tourism-related initiatives.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$2,950,000
Annual Total	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$590,000	\$2,950,000

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local fund expenditures for the City of Slidell for election related costs, depending upon the timing of the election.

The Secretary of State (SOS) indicates that if an election is held solely for the purpose of authorizing the proposed tax, the City of Slidell would be responsible for the full cost of the election, estimated at \$80,900. However, if the election is held during a regularly scheduled election, the city would only be responsible for a prorated portion of the cost. For context, the city's portion for a recent regularly scheduled election was approximately \$26,000. Because the bill does not provide for a specific date for the election, the exact fiscal impact of election costs on the City is currently indeterminable.

Because the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office currently administers a hotel occupancy tax for another taxing entity within the City of Slidell, it is anticipated they would also collect the proposed tax. Assuming these duties are absorbed into existing collection mechanisms, the proposed tax may not result in a material increase in administrative costs.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local fund revenues by up to \$590,000 annually.

An official with the City of Slidell indicated that levying the maximum 2% hotel occupancy tax may generate approximately \$590,000. Assuming the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office serves as the tax collector and retains a 1.15% collection fee, the Sheriff's revenue would increase by \$6,785, resulting in a net annual revenue increase of \$583,215 for the City of Slidell.

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

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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