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Fiscal Note On: **HB 291** HLS 14RS 542

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Caddo Parish Fire District No. 1	
<b>Subject:</b> Sales and use tax	<b>Analyst:</b> Becky Ewing

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Authorizes Caddo Fire District No. 1 to levy and collect a sales and use tax, subject to voter approval

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill authorizes Caddo Parish Fire District No. 1 to levy and collect a sales and use tax not to exceed 1%, subject to approval by a majority of voters in the district. In addition, this bill provides that proceeds shall be used for maintaining and operating fire protection facilities, obtaining water for fire protection purposes, or other lawful purposes.

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	\$141,000	\$308,000	\$338,000	\$372,000	\$409,000	\$1,568,000
Annual Total	\$141,000	\$308,000	\$338,000	\$372,000	\$409,000	\$1,568,000

REVENUES	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	\$140,000	\$308,000	\$338,000	\$372,000	\$409,000	\$1,567,000
Annual Total	\$140,000	\$308,000	\$338,000	\$372,000	\$409,000	\$1,567,000

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**  
This bill may increase local fund expenditures for Caddo Parish Fire District No. 1 by approximately \$141,000 starting in 2014-15 and increasing annually to approximately \$409,000 by 2018-19.

This bill may increase expenditures of the fire district by approximately \$140,000 starting in 2014-15 and increasing annually to approximately \$409,000 by 2018-19 as the additional tax revenue is used.

In addition, an official with the Louisiana Secretary of State’s office indicated this bill may increase the fire district’s election costs by about \$1,000 in 2014-15, assuming the proposition would be presented in the statewide election on November 4, 2014. However, this bill would not impact the expenditures of the Secretary of State, as the statewide election costs are included in current election budgets.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**  
This bill may increase local fund revenues for Caddo Parish Fire District No. 1 by approximately \$140,000 starting in 2014-15 and increasing annually to approximately \$409,000 by 2018-19.

According to the Caddo Parish Sales Tax Administrator, this bill may increase revenues of the fire district by approximately \$140,000 in 2014-15, assuming the sales tax would be approved in the November 2014 election and imposed beginning January 2015, thus being collected only half of the 2014-15 fiscal year. This official expects these revenues to increase by 10% annually to approximately \$409,000 by 2018-19. This estimate is based on a review of 2012-13 sales tax collections and expected future economic growth in the district. The Caddo-Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Commission charges a 1% fee to collect the sales tax.