OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR Fiscal Note

Subject: 911 Emergency Telephone Service Charges
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Purpose of the Bill: This bill authorizes an increase in the maximum amount of service charges on wireless communication devices from eighty-five cents to one dollar and twenty-five cents per month or the rate the communication district is authorized to levy on August 1, 2016. The bill provides that if a communication district levies an emergency telephone service charge, tax, charge, surcharge or fee on August 1, 2016, then the communication district is not required to adopt a new ordinance or resolution except to change the rate. The bill provides that revenues collected are to be used for the sole purpose of providing 911 emergency response services and operations and prohibits use for other purposes.

| EXPENDITURES | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| 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 |  |
| Annual Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| REVENUES | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 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 | \$13,000,000 | \$14,300,000 | \$14,300,000 | \$14,300,000 | \$14,300,000 | \$70,200,000 |
| Annual Total | \$13,000,000 | \$14,300,000 | \$14,300,000 | \$14,300,000 | \$14,300,000 | \$70,200,000 |

## EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This measure may result in an indeterminable increase in local government expenditures.
This bill provides funding for communication districts to field a new generation of 911 emergency call services that have been outlined by the Federal Communications Commission. New capabilities are intended to enhance the accessibility of 911 to the public and provide Public Service Access Providers with enhanced information for responding to emergencies more quickly and effectively. Implementation costs of the technological requirements and costs of emergency system enhancements are indeterminable at this time.

## REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase revenues of local government communication districts, except in Jefferson and St. Bernard Parishes.
This bill authorizes an increase in the maximum amount of service charge from $\$ .85$ per month per wireless connection to $\$ 1.25$ per month per wireless connection or the rate the communication district is authorized to levy on August 1,2016 , whichever is higher. Jefferson and St. Bernard Parishes currently charge $\$ 1.26$ per month, while Caddo Parish charges $\$ 1.00$ per month, as authorized by law.

## Assumptions:

--Maximum $\$ .40$ increase for $2,919,000$ wireless customers in Louisiana. This is composed of 3,400,000 estimated statewide customers, excluding prepaid wireless customers, adjusted by 326,000 estimated customers in Jefferson and St. Bernard Parishes, and an estimated 155,000 customers in Caddo Parish. Caddo Parish increase will be limited to $\$ .25$ per wireless customer.
--Estimated increase will become effective August 1, 2016 and be reduced by a $1 \%$ service provider collection fee.
--Estimated revenue from increase of $\$ .40$ for $2,919,000$ customers and $\$ .25$ for 155,000 customers in Caddo Parish will result in a $\$ 13,137,151$ increase in fiscal year 2016-2017 (11 months) and a $\$ 14,331,438$ in fiscal year 2017-2018 and thereafter.


