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Subject: Coroner Assets, Revenue, and Expenses

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Provides relative to the coroner of St. Tammany Parish

Purpose of Bill: This bill gives the St. Tammany Parish Council control over certain monies, immovable property, and oversight (contracts, salaries, and annual forensic audits) of the St. Tammany Coroner's Office. In addition, this bill provides for tax administrative fees and oversight cost reimbursement for the Council.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 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, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

The Coroner's Office is a component unit of the St. Tammany Parish Government. An official with the Parish indicated that the Coroner's expenditures are considered to be expenditures of the Parish. Any impact to overall governmental expenditures will be dependent on: (1) contract approval by the Council; (2) establishment of Coroner salaries; (3) implementation of annual forensic audits; and (4) costs associated with administering the funding of the Coroner's Office.

Officials with the Coroner's Office indicated that the fiscal impact of this bill on Coroner expenditures is indeterminable. Several provisions in the bill related to expenditures rely on decisions by the Council (e.g., approval of contracts and setting of salaries).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

This bill does not provide for any changes in overall governmental revenues. However, the provisions related to the Parish's tax administrative costs and oversight costs may reduce tax funding to the Coroner's office if these costs are recouped by the Parish.

In addition, this bill provides that the Coroner's property taxes (and certain other monies) will be administered by the Parish. The Coroner's 2013 budget shows that approximately \$4.4 million could be received from this tax in future years.

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13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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