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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: HB 723 HLS 13RS 1913
Bill Text Version: ENGROSSED
Opp. Chamb. Action:
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.: HB 622

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Subject: Procedures for Increasing Property Tax Rates

TAX/AD VALOREM TAX EG INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides requirements for constitutionally authorized millage increases in certain parishes

Purpose of Bill: Currently, when taxing authorities choose the option to roll-forward to a higher millage rate, a hearing must be held and notice must be provided as prescribed by the Constitution. This measure requires that for St. Tammany Parish, such notice and publication occur twice between 60 and 30 days before the hearing, in addition to the current notice requirement. This measure further requires that the local taxing authorities coordinate the dates, times, and locations of their hearings by adopting two dates for such hearings and holding their hearings sequentially on the same date in the same location.

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

Local fund expenditures may increase as a result of this measure.

This measure may increase local fund expenditures because of the additional notice, publication, and coordination of hearings required. As of December 31, 2012, there were 36 taxing authorities in St. Tammany Parish. When these authorities choose to roll-forward their millage rate, a hearing must be held and notice must be provided. In 2012, nine taxing authorities rolled forward their millage rate and held such a hearing. In 2011, two taxing authorities rolled forward their millage rate.

According to an official with the St. Tammany Parish School Board, the additional notice required by this measure could increase expenditures by approximately \$2,000 annually.

According to an official with the St. Tammany Parish Council, the additional notice required by this measure could increase local fund expenditures by approximately \$2,500 annually.

According to an official with Recreation District No. 1 of St. Tammany Parish, the additional notice required by this measure could increase local fund expenditures by a few hundred dollars annually.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House
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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