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Fiscal Note On: **SB 674** SLS 14RS 1680

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE COMM AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> May 19, 2014	9:55 AM	<b>Author:</b> NEVERS
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Certain Senate and House Committees		
<b>Subject:</b> Municipal Incorporation of Unincorporated Areas		<b>Analyst:</b> Becky Ewing

MUNICIPALITIESRE1 +\$24,000 GF EX See Note

Provides relative to incorporation of unincorporated areas. (gov sig)

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**Purpose of Bill:** This bill provides for a moratorium on municipal incorporations to be applied retroactively, beginning January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2015. During this time, the residents of an unincorporated area may not petition for incorporation unless the petition was initiated prior to January 1, 2014, and either 1) an election for the incorporation is held on or before November 4, 2014, or 2) an election was not held on or before November 4, 2014, due to a court order or court action, in which case no signatures may be collected after July 23, 2014. This moratorium does not apply in certain parishes.

This bill also requires the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs and the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to function as a joint committee to review and evaluate the statutes governing municipal incorporation and to consider information from various organizations. The joint committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2014, so that any proposed legislation may be considered in the 2015 Regular Session.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,000
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Annual Total	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,000

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase state general fund expenditures by approximately \$24,000 in fiscal year 2014-15.

According to officials with the House and Senate, the costs of the joint committee may be approximately \$24,000 in fiscal year 2014-15, based on the total per diem costs for the members of both committees. This estimate is assuming the joint committee would meet 4 times before the December 1, 2014 deadline to submit its report. These officials did not indicate there would be any other costs involved with the joint committee.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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