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Fiscal Note On: **HB 629** HLS 16RS 981

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Taxing Authority of Regional Flood Protection Authorities	Analyst: Bobby Trahan

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(Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to taxing authority of regional flood protection authorities.

Purpose of the Bill: This bill authorizes the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authorities East and West to levy annually a tax not to exceed five mills. The impact of this bill is dependent upon approval of the constitutional amendment by Louisiana electors at the statewide election scheduled for November 8, 2016, to remove the requirements that any tax or increase be approved by a majority of the electors voting within that authority and each of the parishes in that authority.

EXPENDITURES	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	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

REVENUES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0					\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be an increase in the expenditures for both the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authorities - East and West as a result of this bill. However, the amount of the increase can not be determined at this time.

Both of the Flood Protection Authorities will be responsible for their share of election costs. Because the constitutional election will be held at the time of the Congressional election on November 8, 2016, the majority of the cost will be covered by the state.

According to an official with the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, this measure would allow the authority to: a) pay its own operational and administrative expenses and b) allow the authority to participate in regional coastal restoration and flood protection projects, while allowing the levee districts within their jurisdictions to perform their own projects within their respective boundaries.

According to an official with the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West, this measure would allow the authority to complete capital projects planned to start in fiscal year 2016-17 and projects planned for future years.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Assuming that such a tax is only attainable without a vote, the Flood Authorities could generate a maximum revenue of approximately \$39,900,000 annually (beginning in fiscal year 2017-18).

Currently, each authority is allowed to levy annually a tax on the assessed valuation of all property not exempt from taxation within the authority’s jurisdiction, if approved by a majority of the electors voting within the authority and a majority of the electors in each of the parishes in that authority in an election held for that purpose. Currently, neither authority collects a millage, which is unlimited in current law. If we assume that this bill makes the levy of such a tax more probable, the following fiscal impacts may occur:

Five mills	\$39,900,000
Four mills	\$31,900,000
Three mills	\$23,900,000
Two mills	\$15,900,000
One mill	\$ 7,900,000

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- ☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
- ☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & 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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