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Fiscal Note

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Sub. Bill For.:
Proposed Amd.:

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TAX/AD VALOREM TAX OR +\$116,000 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
(Constitutional Amendment) Requires unanimous approval of taxing authority for roll forward of ad valorem taxes, except ad valorem taxes dedicated for fire protection and law enforcement

Purpose of Bill:

This measure amends the Louisiana Constitution to require a unanimous vote by a taxing authority to "roll forward" its millage rates unless the ad valorem taxes are dedicated for fire protection or law enforcement.

This measure also provides for an election to be held on November 7, 2006.

Currently, the constitution allows a taxing authority to "roll forward" its millage rates with a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the authority.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 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, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This measure will increase state general fund expenditures by \$116,000 in fiscal year 2006-2007.

According to the Secretary of State's office, the cost of placing the proposed amendment on the November 7, 2006 ballot and publishing the proposed amendment in the 64 parish journals is approximately \$116,000. This estimate is based on a single constitutional amendment and may be reduced by the proration of the costs with other governing authorities with items on the ballot.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure may limit the potential increase in future local government revenues by an indeterminate amount.

According to the Tax Review Officer of the Legislative Auditor's Office, 391 boards voted to "roll forward" during the 2004 tax year. This number does not include taxing districts with one person boards such as Assessment Districts, Law Enforcement Districts and Coroners. Of the 391 boards that rolled forward, 212 (54%) did not have a unanimous vote.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House
6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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