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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 242** HLS 26RS 854
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Authorizes constables to appoint a deputy constable	

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 Provides with respect to deputy constables in St. Tammany Parish

Purpose of Bill: This bill would allow each of the elected constables in St. Tammany Parish to appoint one deputy constable, if necessary. Any deputy constable appointed will not be entitled to any compensation from the local governing body or political subdivision, other than the constable's office, and shall not be entitled to any compensation from the state. Each constable may fix the compensation of his deputy, the constable may pay the deputy from the fees generated by his office. The premium on bonds required, insurance premiums, and expenses necessary for the performance of the duties required by the deputy may be paid from the fees generated by the constable's office.

Note: There are currently 14 elected constables in St. Tammany Parish.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local government expenditures to the extent that constables hire and compensate deputy constables. However, the exact fiscal impact is currently indeterminable, as it depends on the specific compensation agreements between constables and their deputies.

Based on responses from five St. Tammany Parish Constables (Wards 1-B, 3-A, 4-A, 5 and 8), the local fiscal impact is currently indeterminable. Because the bill is permissive, any financial impact depends on whether constables choose to hire deputies and how they structure their compensation. It should be noted that two of the constables we received information from indicated that they do not plan to hire deputies, and another indicated that they may use volunteer deputies.

While the exact fiscal impact is unknown, any increase in spending is limited by the amount of revenue generated by each office. For context, financial reports for St. Tammany Parish Constables show that fee revenues for these constables ranged from \$0 to \$62,336 with 64% receiving less than \$5,000 in fees.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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