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Creates the Morgan City Development District

Purpose of Bill: This measure creates the Morgan City Development District. Boundaries of the district will be composed of all of the territory located within the city of Morgan City. The purpose of this district is to accept titles from or contracting with the city of Morgan City concerning any or all real and personal property, acquiring land, and utilizing land to enhance economic benefits generated in the city of Morgan City through diversified activities. The district shall be governed by a five member board of commissioners appointed by the mayor of the city of Morgan City. In addition, the measure defines the rights and duties of the district, some of which include: 1) incur debt and issue general obligation bonds, 2) to levy annually and cause to be collected an ad valorem tax, which must be approved by a majority of the qualified electors, 3) to levy and collect a sales and use tax, not to exceed 1%, which must be approved by a majority of the qualified electors, and 4) issue revenue bonds, which must be authorized by resolution of the district and approved by the State Bond Commission.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 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, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Local expenditures may increase by an indeterminate amount as a result of this measure.

This measure allows the district to accept title, acquire, and utilize land to promote economic benefits for Morgan City. The five member board which will govern the district will serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred with the authorization of the board.

According to an official for the Morgan City Development District, the district's creation merely moves the economic structure and application of the city's plans from the city's normal governmental functioning body to a more targeted development district as it applies to future growth, planning, and administration.

This measure would require the district to hold an election for both an ad valorem tax and sales and use tax. According to an official with the Secretary of State, these elections, if shared with a statewide election, would cost the district approximately \$400 per election.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Local revenues may increase by an indeterminate amount as a result of this measure.

This measure authorizes the district to: incur debt and issue revenue and general obligation bonds, to issue certificates of indebtedness, to issue bonds and certificate anticipation notes, to issue refunding bonds, levy an ad valorem tax and levy a sales and use tax (up to 1%). According to an official with Morgan City, the city currently collects a 1% general sales and use tax, which generated \$2,142,621 in fiscal year 2013. The ad valorem and sales and use taxes require voter approval.

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