## Louisiana Legislative Auditor Fiscal Notes

## OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 123** SLS 21RS 346

Bill Text Version: ORIGINAL

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.:

Date: April 21, 2021 3:50 PM Author: CONNICK

Dept./Agy.: Property Tax Collectors

Subject: Notification of Tax Sales

Analyst: Marc Deshotels

TAX/AD VALOREM OR INCREASE LF EX See Note
Provides for notice for seizure and sale of immovable property for nonpayment of taxes. (gov sig)

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**Purpose of the Bill:** This bill requires property tax collectors to send additional notices by first class mail to tax notice/sale parties regarding delinquent taxes, and post a notice of tax sale on the property if written notices are returned. In addition, this bill requires property taxes to be assessed to the tax debtor after tax sale rather than to the tax sale purchaser, but allows the tax sale purchaser to still pay all property taxes.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	<u> 2024-25</u>	<u> 2025-26</u>	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	<u> 2025-26</u>	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

This bill may increase total local fund expenditures by an indeterminable amount, but the impact on individual property tax collectors may vary.

An official with the <u>Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office</u> indicated that this bill may increase the Sheriff's expenditures by \$35,500 annually starting in 2022 and increasing to \$40,000 annually by 2025 for mailing costs and staffing costs (for one additional employee) associated with mailing out an additional 10,000 notices.

An official with the <u>Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office</u> indicated that this bill may increase the Sheriff's expenditures by \$1,950 starting in 2022 and increasing by 3% annually due to inflation for mailing costs associated with mailing out an additional 3,000 notices.

An official with the <u>East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office</u> indicated that this bill will not impact the Sheriff's expenditures as the Sheriff is currently performing the additional procedures required by this bill.

An official with the <u>Louisiana Municipal Association</u> indicated that this bill may impact expenditures of municipalities that collect their own property taxes and conduct their own tax sales.

Based on information from the <u>Louisiana Assessors' Association</u> and <u>Lafayette and Rapides Parish Assessors</u>, it appears that this bill would not have a material impact on assessors.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Note: Current law authorizes property tax collectors to recover certain costs related to mailing notices and posting notices at tax sale properties.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>	
13.5.1 >=	\$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	$6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}$	M. G. Battle
13.5.2 >=	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase	Michael G. Battle
	Change {S & H}	or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Manager, Advisory Services