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Constitutional amendment to provide for the taxing authority of levee districts. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

Purpose of the Bill: This bill removes the requirement that levee districts created on or after January 1, 2006 and the Orleans Levee District obtain voter approval prior to levying a property tax of up to 5 mills. Currently, only levee districts created prior to 2006 (except for Orleans Levee District) may levy this tax without voter approval. This proposed Constitutional Amendment is to be submitted to the electors at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021.

It appears that there are 8 active levee districts currently affected by this bill: (1) Algiers Levee District; (2) Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority; (3) Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District; (4) Lafitte Area Independent Levee District; (5) Orleans Levee District; (6) Squirrel Run Levee and Drainage District; (7) St. Mary Levee District; and (8) St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 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, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION
There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures due to election costs of obtaining voter approval for the constitutional amendment. According to the Secretary of State's Office, they routinely budget for the costs of constitutional amendments for statewide primary and general elections. Therefore, this bill would have no fiscal impact related to the election.

REVENUE EXPLANATION
There appears to be no increase in local revenues as a result of this measure as the bill only affects the processes by which taxes are levied. Assuming that this bill only affects the processes by which taxes can be approved and levied, there would be no direct fiscal impact as a result of the provisions set forth in this bill. However, we provide the following information regarding currently active affected levee districts for illustrative purposes:

- Algiers Levee District is currently levying over 5 mills.
Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority is currently not levying a tax. An official with the District indicated that levying a 5 mill tax would generate revenue of \$12.2 million annually for the district.
Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District is currently not levying a tax. An official with the District indicated that levying a 5 mill tax would generate revenue of \$2.9 million annually for the district.
Lafitte Area Independent Levee District is currently levying over 5 mills.
Orleans Levee District is currently levying 4.97 mills.
Squirrel Run Levee and Drainage District is currently not levying a tax. An official with the District indicated that levying a 5 mill tax would generate revenue of \$20,192 annually for the district.
St. Mary Levee District is currently levying 5 mills.
St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District is currently not levying a tax. An official with the District indicated that levying a 5 mill tax would generate revenue of \$11.9 million annually for the district.

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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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