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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 334** HLS 11RS 480

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Creates the Vermilion Parish Levee, Hurricane Protection, and Conservation District

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill removes Vermilion Parish from the limits of the Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority (Authority). In addition, this bill creates Vermilion Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District (District) to include all the lands in the parish of Vermilion. It also establishes the composition of the board of commissioners, their residency and confirmation requirements, how board vacancies will be filled, how members’ terms of office are determined, and how future commissioners are appointed. In addition, the bill provides 1) a limit on the number of terms commissioners can serve; 2) board members receive no compensation; 3) taxing authority of the board; and 4) that the District’s authority shall be limited by the charter for the City of Abbeville.

Amendments to the bill provide: 1) that lands and property that are taxable will be subject to the provisions of the bill as they relate to the new district; and 2) for a change to the composition of the Authority’s board.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**  
**Although there will be no impact on local government expenditures due to removing Vermilion from the Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority, expenditures may increase due to the establishment of the new District after 2016.**

Officials with Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes stated that no formal steps have been taken to create the financial components of the Chenier Authority and they have not been active. Therefore, removing Vermillion Parish from the limits of the Authority would not increase or decrease expenditures of the Authority.

An official with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury stated that the district does not plan on levying taxes within the next 5 years. Once a tax for the new levee district is approved by voters, Vermilion Parish could incur significant expenditures for start-up costs, levee maintenance, new office space, and any new projects they may undertake. However, based on feedback from the Parish, it appears that there will be no impact on expenditures within the next five years because they have no plans to establish the district.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**  
**Although there will be no impact on local government revenues due to removing Vermilion from the Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority, revenues may increase due to the establishment of the new District after 2016.**

Officials with Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes stated that no formal steps have been taken to create the financial components of the Chenier Authority and they have not been active. Therefore, removing Vermillion Parish from the limits of the Authority would not increase or decrease revenues of the Authority.

This bill enables the new Vermilion Parish levee board to generate revenues provided that it obtains voter approval of any property tax to fund the district as required by the Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 39 (C).

The tax revenues raised for the new district would depend on the tax approved by the voters and levied by the board. Assuming Vermilion Parish withdraws from the Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority, and a tax is approved and levied, revenues would increase. However, based on feedback from the Parish, it appears that there will be no impact on revenues within the next five years because they have no immediate plans to establish the district.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

☐ 6.8(F)1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}

☐ 6.8(F)2 >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&S}

☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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