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Creates the Woodlawn Estates Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish

Purpose of Bill: This measure creates the Woodlawn Estates Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish for the purpose of aiding in crime prevention by providing for increased security patrols within the district, and to provide for the overall betterment of the district. The district will be governed by a seven member board of commissioners who will serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the governance of the district not to exceed \$150 per year. The measure authorizes the district to impose and collect a fee for each improved and unimproved parcel within the district, if approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district who vote on the proposition at an election held for that purpose.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	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	\$83,150	\$87,615	\$96,377	\$106,014	\$116,616	\$489,772
Annual Total	\$83,150	\$87,615	\$96,377	\$106,014	\$116,616	\$489,772

REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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	\$79,650	\$87,615	\$96,377	\$106,014	\$116,616	\$486,272
Annual Total	\$79,650	\$87,615	\$96,377	\$106,014	\$116,616	\$486,272

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION
Local government expenditures may increase by \$83,150 in fiscal year 2015-16, increasing to \$116,616 in fiscal year 2019-20.
To show maximum potential impact, the expenditure amounts above assume that all revenue generated due to this bill will be spent each year. However, according to an official with the Woodlawn Estates Crime Prevention and Improvement District, they estimate expenditures to be 90% of the revenues collected. Expenditures will include security patrols and the overall betterment of the district. The remaining 10% of revenues will remain in the district’s account to provide for a surplus in the future for unexpected emergencies. This measure will allow the district to enter into an agreement with the tax collector to authorize the retention of an annual collection fee, not to exceed one percent of the amount collected.

The district is also responsible for its share of the cost to hold the election. Information obtained from the Secretary of State’s Office indicated the cost, for a single precinct, to hold an election on this matter could range from a high of \$3,500, if the election is held alone; to a low of \$60 if the election is held at the same time as a statewide election. The cost would increase as additional precincts are added. The expenditure figure for fiscal year 2015-16 includes the maximum election cost of \$3,500 for a single precinct.

REVENUE EXPLANATION
Local government revenues may increase by \$79,650 in fiscal year 2015-16, increasing to \$116,616 in fiscal year 2019-20.

The measure allows for a maximum fee that can be assessed of \$300 per parcel. However, the initial fee for the first calendar year shall not exceed \$150 per parcel. The board may increase the fee each subsequent year by an amount not to exceed 10% of the amount imposed during the previous calendar year. There are 531 parcels in the boundaries of this district.

The fee and the board’s authority to increase the fee shall expire in ten years, but the fee and the board’s authority to increase the fee may be renewed if approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district at and election called for that purpose. If renewed, the term for the renewed fee shall not exceed 10 years.