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Fiscal Note

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Subject: Per Diem Increase for Board of Supervisors for certain Gas

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Increases the maximum per diem authorized to be paid to members of the board of commissioners of gas utility districts located in certain parishes

PURPOSE OF THE BILL: Provides for an increase in the amount of per diem from \$75 to \$120 per meeting for members of the board of supervisors for Gas Utility Districts in parishes with a population of not less than twenty thousand persons and not more than twenty thousand five hundred persons.

Based upon the last federal census, only one parish (East Feliciana) has gas utility districts that would be impacted by the legislation.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 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, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill would, if implemented, increase local fund expenditures by \$10,125 and \$5,625 annually for the East Feliciana Gas Utility District No. 1 and East Feliciana Gas Utility District No. 2, respectively.

The proposed bill provides that the governing authority may fix per diem at \$120 per member, per meeting, for a maximum number of 25 meetings per year.

Currently, there are 9 members of the East Feliciana Gas Utility District No. 1 who receive a maximum per diem of \$75 per meeting for a maximum of 25 meetings per year. The potential annual per diem increase would be \$10,125 (\$45 per meeting increase \* 25 meeting maximum \* 9 members). However, a representative of the East Feliciana Gas Utility District No. 1 stated that the District would not implement the allowed increase, as the District does not have the funds to implement.

Currently, there are 5 members of the East Feliciana Gas Utility District No. 2 who receive a maximum per diem of \$75 per meeting for a maximum of 25 meetings per year. According to representatives of the East Feliciana Gas Utility District No. 2, the potential annual per diem increase would be \$5,625 (\$45 per meeting increase \* 25 meeting maximum \* 5 members).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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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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