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Fiscal Note

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CRIMINAL/CAPITAL PUNISH

Abolishes capital punishment as a criminal penalty in Louisiana

This proposed legislation abolishes capital punishment as a criminal penalty in Louisiana. It stipulates that no person shall be put to death by the state as punishment for the commission of any crime.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

| EXPENDITURES | 1999-00 | 2000-01 | 2001-02 | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 5 YEAR TOTAL |
|-------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| State General Fd. | \$5,740 | \$18,880 | \$32,020 | \$45,160 | \$58,300 | \$160,100 |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Stat. Deds./Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$5,740 | \$18,880 | \$32,020 | \$45,160 | \$58,300 | \$160,100 |

| REVENUES | 1999-00 | 2000-01 | 2001-02 | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 5 YEAR TOTAL |
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| Local Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

EXPENDITURES:

Currently, there are 78 inmates in the Louisiana State Penitentiary that are scheduled to be executed. The Department of Corrections executes an average of 1 inmate per year. Most inmates who are executed are in their mid thirties. Abolishing capital punishment will result in some costs savings associated with the execution process and inmate appeals. However, the Department of Corrections will incur the costs of incarcerating these inmates for the remainder of their lives. It costs the state approximately \$13,140 to incarcerate an inmate for one year. Inmates who are sentenced to death average approximately 12 appeals. The total cost of these appeals is roughly \$5,000. Abolishing the death penalty will also eliminate the need for staff overtime associated with this process. Twelve people work approximately 10 overtime hours at an average rate of \$20 per hour for a total cost of \$2,400 associated with each execution. For each inmate that is not executed, it will cost the state approximately \$5,740 in the first year (\$13,140 minus \$5,000 minus \$2,400) and \$13,140 in subsequent years. The fiscal impact on each fiscal year is calculated as follows:

| INMATES | FY 1999-00 | FY 2000-01 | FY2001-02 | FY 2002-03 | FY 2003-04 |
|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1 inmate | \$5,740 | \$13,140 | \$13,140 | \$13,140 | \$13,140 |
| 2 inmates | | \$5,740 | \$13,140 | \$13,140 | \$13,140 |
| 3 inmates | | | \$5,740 | \$13,140 | \$13,140 |
| 4 inmates | | | | \$5,740 | \$13,140 |
| 5 inmates | | | | | \$5,740 |
| TOTAL | \$5,740 | \$18,880 | \$32,020 | \$45,160 | \$58,300 |

REVENUES:

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

Senate

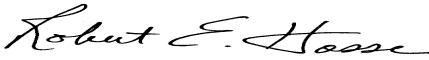
☐ 13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Fiscal Cost per year

☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Change per year

Dual Referral Rules

☐ 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Fiscal Cost per year

☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease per year



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