

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 238

BY SENATOR CONNICK

LEVEES. Provides relative to the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District. (8/1/25)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 11:411(11), R.S. 38:291(Y)(2), (4), and (5), and R.S.
3 49:214.6.8(B)(1)(j), relative to the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District; to
4 change the name of the district; to provide for requirements for the board of
5 commissioners; to provide for term limits; to provide for domicile of the board and
6 meeting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 11:411(11) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §411. Eligibility for membership

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12 (11) Employees of the Lafitte Area ~~Independent~~ Levee District.

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14 Section 2. R.S. 38:291(Y)(2), (4) and (5) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
15 as follows:

16 §291. Naming; limits of districts; composition of boards

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1 Y. Lafitte Area ~~Independent~~ Levee District.

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3 (2)(a) The governor shall appoint, subject to Senate confirmation, a board of
4 commissioners consisting of five persons who reside in that portion of Jefferson
5 Parish located within the levee district and who meet the requirements of R.S.
6 38:304(A) as follows:

7 ~~(a)~~(i) One member shall be appointed from a list containing three
8 nominations from the governing authority of Jean Lafitte.

9 ~~(b)~~(ii) Four members shall be appointed at-large from a list of six
10 nominations submitted jointly by the legislative delegation representing that portion
11 of Jefferson Parish located within the levee district.

12 ~~(c)~~Members **(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (2)(a)**
13 **of this Paragraph and R.S. 38:304, the members provided for in Subparagraph**
14 **(2)(a) of this Paragraph** shall be nominated and appointed such that there are
15 always ~~at~~:

16 (i) **At least two four** professionals with at least ten years of experience in
17 their respective professional disciplines on the board, one of whom shall be ~~an~~ **a civil**
18 engineer **who shall reside on the Westbank of Jefferson Parish.**

19 (ii) **No member shall accept or receive political campaign contributions**
20 **or in-kind political donations from any source.**

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22 (4)(a) ~~The members of the board initially appointed shall at their first meeting~~
23 ~~determine by lot their terms of office, which terms shall commence immediately~~
24 ~~upon their appointment and shall expire, respectively, as follows: one member in two~~
25 ~~years, two members in three years, and two members in four years, from the first day~~
26 ~~of July immediately succeeding such appointment. Thereafter all terms shall be four~~
27 ~~years.~~ **Beginning January 1, 2026, all members whose terms have not expired**
28 **and new appointees shall serve a term of four years, not to exceed three**
29 **consecutive four-year terms.**

1 (b) No member shall serve more than ~~four~~ **three** consecutive four-year terms.
 2 However, if a person has been appointed to fill more than one-half of an unexpired
 3 term, such person shall be eligible to serve consecutively no more than three terms
 4 in addition to such partial term.

5 (5) The official domicile of the board of the district shall be ~~established by~~
 6 ~~the board~~ **the parish of Jefferson. The office for the transaction of business**
 7 **including all meetings, shall be housed in the same location as the Southeast**
 8 **Louisiana Flood Authority-West offices.**

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10 Section 3. R.S. 49:214.6.8(B)(1)(j) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
 11 follows:

12 §214.6.8. Coastal Louisiana Levee Consortium; establishment; purposes

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14 B.(1) The members of the consortium shall consist of the director, general
 15 manager, or president, or their designee, of each board of commissioners of a coastal
 16 levee district or flood protection authority, including the following:

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18 (j) Lafitte Area ~~Independent~~ Levee District

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law provides for the name of the levee district as the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District. Proposed law changes the name to the Lafitte Area Levee District.

Present law provides for the number of appointees and requirements for the board of commissioners, including residency requirements. Present law further provides for the nomination of at least two professionals with at least 10 years experience who are from the district, one of whom is an engineer. Proposed law changes requirements for nominees to at least four professionals with at least 10 years experience, one of whom is a civil engineer from the West Bank of Jefferson Parish, to be nominated.

Present law provides for terms in office to be staggered. Proposed law creates new term

limits effective January 1, 2026, where all new appointees serve four-year terms, not to exceed three terms.

Present law allows the meeting location of the board of commissioners to be determined by the board. Proposed law changes the official domicile of the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District board and requires all meetings of the board held in the same building as the Southeast Louisiana Flood Authority-West offices.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 11:411(11), R.S. 38:291(Y)(2), (4), and (5), and R.S. 49:214.6.8(B)(1)(j))