

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 605

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

DISTRICTS/DRAINAGE: Provides relative to the Statewide Flood-Control Program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:90.2(A) and 90.4(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 38:90.2(C), relative
3 to the Statewide Flood Control Program; to provide for penalties for failing to
4 perform required actions; to require the submission of an application by any duly
5 authorized municipal, parish, or other governing authority after; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 38:90.2(A) and 90.4(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and
9 R.S. 38:90.2(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §90.2. Revision of flood information ~~data base~~ database

11 A. At least once in every ~~four~~ three years, beginning with fiscal year ~~1982-83~~
12 2017-2018, the Louisiana Geological Survey shall review and revise the statewide
13 flood information data base. The data base will be developed for the purpose of the
14 systematic evaluation of drainage and flooding problems in the state.

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16 C. If the Louisiana Geological Survey fails to perform their review and
17 revision of the statewide flood information database as required in Subsection A of
18 this Section, they shall be required to report to the House and Senate Committees on
19 Transportation, Highways and Public Works prior to the beginning of the regular
20 legislative session to inform the committees of the specific reason for such failure.

engineering if a disaster declaration has been issued by the governor for that municipality or parish.

Present law requires the La. Geological Survey to review and revise the statewide flood information data base at least once every four years.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the time frame from once every four years to once every three years.

Proposed law provides that if the La. Geological Survey does not review and revise the statewide flood information database as required in present law, they must provide a reason to the House and Senate committees on Transportation explaining the failure. Proposed law allows the committee to request the governing authority of the La. Geological Survey withhold appropriations to the survey until the review and revisions are complete.

Present law provides that any duly authorized municipal, parish, or other governing authority may submit an application for funding of any flood-control projects under the Statewide Flood Control Plan to the office of engineering by October 1st of each year.

Proposed law provides that if a disaster declaration has been issued by the governor for a municipality or parish, the governing authority of that municipality or parish must submit an application as provided for in present law by October 1st of the year following the declaration.

(Amends R.S. 38:90.2(A) and 90.4(A)(1); Adds R.S. 38:90.2(C))