

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 266

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

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

LEVEES/BDS & DISTRICTS: Provides for term limits for members of the nominating committee of certain flood protection authorities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(a) and (b) and to enact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(d)
3 and (e), relative to flood protection authority nominating committee members; to
4 provide for the composition of the nominating committee board; to provide relative
5 to term limits for levee district nominating committee members; to include the
6 nominating committee as a "public body" for purposes of open meetings and public
7 records laws; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(a) and (b) are hereby amended and reenacted and
10 R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(d) and (e) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §330.1. Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and Southeast
12 Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank; territorial jurisdiction;
13 board of commissioners; appointments; terms; compensation; vacancy;
14 officers; meetings; domicile

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18 (2)(a) The nominating committee for each board shall be composed as
19 follows:

1 (i) A member ~~designated by~~ of the Public Affairs Research Council of
2 Louisiana, to be appointed by the board of directors of the council.

3 (ii) A member ~~designated by~~ of the Council for A Better Louisiana, to be
4 appointed by the board of directors of the council.

5 (iii) A representative of the Louisiana Geological Survey at Louisiana State
6 University, to be appointed by the advisory board of the survey.

7 (iv) A member of the Association of State Floodplain Managers ~~designated~~
8 ~~by the association~~ , to be appointed by the board of directors of the association.

9 (v) A member of the National Society of Black Engineers ~~designated by the~~
10 ~~society~~ , to be appointed by the national executive board of the society.

11 (vi) ~~The dean~~ A faculty member of the College of Engineering at the
12 University of New Orleans, ~~or his designee~~ to be appointed by the dean of the
13 College of Engineering in consultation with the faculty.

14 (vii) ~~The dean~~ A faculty member of the School of Science and Engineering
15 at Tulane University, ~~or his designee~~ to be appointed by the dean of the School of
16 Science and Engineering in consultation with the faculty.

17 (viii) ~~The dean~~ A faculty member of the College of Engineering at Southern
18 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, ~~or his designee~~ to be appointed
19 by the dean of the College of Engineering in consultation with the faculty.

20 (ix) ~~The dean~~ A faculty member of the College of Engineering at Louisiana
21 State University, ~~or his designee~~ to be appointed by the dean of the College of
22 Engineering in consultation with the faculty.

23 (x) A member of the American Society of Civil Engineers ~~designated by the~~
24 ~~society~~ , appointed by the board of directors of the society.

25 (xi) A member of the Louisiana Engineering Society, to be appointed by the
26 officers of the society.

27 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph for
28 the purpose of nominating persons to serve on the Southeast Louisiana Flood
29 Protection Authority-West Bank, the committee shall also include, a member of the

- (4) A member of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, appointed by the board of directors of the association.
- (5) A member of the National Society of Black Engineers, appointed by the national executive board of the society.
- (6) A faculty member of the College of Engineering at the University of New Orleans, appointed by the dean of the College of Engineering in consultation with the faculty.
- (7) A faculty member of the School of Science and Engineering at Tulane University, appointed by the dean of the School of Science and Engineering in consultation with the faculty.
- (8) A faculty member of the College of Engineering at Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, appointed by the dean of the College of Engineering in consultation with the faculty.
- (9) A faculty member of the College of Engineering at Louisiana State University, appointed by the dean of the College of Engineering in consultation with the faculty.
- (10) A member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, appointed by the board of directors of the society.
- (11) A member of the Louisiana Engineering Society, appointed by the officers of the society.
- (12) A member of the West Bank Business and Industry Association, appointed by the board of directors of the association.
- (13) A faculty member of Our Lady of Holy Cross College, appointed by the dean of the College in consultation with the faculty.

Present law establishes a nominating committee for the board of commissioners for the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-West.

Proposed law establishes a staggered term of four years for nominating committee members of the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-East and Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-West.

Proposed law provides that no nominating committee member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

Proposed law also provides that service of two or more years constitutes a term.

Proposed law further provides that a nominating committee member may be reappointed four years from the completion of his last term.

Proposed law classifies a nominating committee as a public body for purposes of open meetings laws and public record laws.

(Amends R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(a) and (b); Adds R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(d) and (e))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add provisions that clarify the procedure by which nominating committee members are appointed from their respective entities, as follows:
 - (1) A member of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana appointed by the board of directors of the council.
 - (2) A member of the Council for A Better Louisiana, appointed by the board of directors of the council.
 - (3) A representative of the Louisiana Geological Survey at Louisiana State University, appointed by the advisory board of the survey.
 - (4) A member of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, appointed by the board of directors of the association.
 - (5) A member of the National Society of Black Engineers, appointed by the national executive board of the society.
 - (6) A faculty member of the College of Engineering at the University of New Orleans, appointed by the dean of the College of Engineering in consultation with the faculty.
 - (7) A faculty member of the School of Science and Engineering at Tulane University, appointed by the dean of the School of Science and Engineering in consultation with the faculty.
 - (8) A faculty member of the College of Engineering at Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, appointed by the dean of the College of Engineering in consultation with the faculty.
 - (9) A faculty member of the College of Engineering at Louisiana State University, appointed by the dean of the College of Engineering in consultation with the faculty.
 - (10) A member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, appointed by the board of directors of the society.
 - (11) A member of the Louisiana Engineering Society, appointed by the officers of the society.
 - (12) A member of the West Bank Business and Industry Association, appointed by the board of directors of the association.
 - (13) A faculty member of Our Lady of Holy Cross College, appointed by the dean of the College in consultation with the faculty.
3. Add a provision that specifies that the nominating committee is a public body and as such is subject to open meetings laws and public records laws.