

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

COASTAL RESOURCES: Approves the annual integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2018, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To approve the annual integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2018, as adopted
3 by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

4 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq., creates the Coastal Protection and Restoration
5 Authority Board (board) to represent the state's position in policy relative to the protection,
6 conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal area of the state through oversight
7 of integrated coastal protection projects and programs; and

8 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq., provides that the board shall develop,
9 coordinate, make reports on, and provide oversight for the comprehensive coastal protection
10 annual plan; and

11 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.6.1 et seq., provides for the creation, duties, and
12 responsibilities of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (authority) as the
13 implementation and enforcement arm of the board and that through its offices and officers,
14 the authority shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the annual state
15 integrated coastal protection plan; and

16 WHEREAS, the annual state integrated coastal protection plan represents a state
17 policy for protecting, conserving, enhancing, and restoring Louisiana's coastal area through
18 the construction and management of integrated coastal protection projects and programs,
19 including coastal protection and restoration projects and hurricane protection projects, which
20 are projects that may require, without limitation, funding for associated measures such as the

1 beneficial use of dredged material, rehabilitation and repair of state restoration projects,
2 environmental and regulatory compliance, acquisition of land easements, right-of-ways,
3 relocations and disposal areas (LERRDS), maintenance programs, conservation and
4 restoration partnerships, reserve fund contingencies, and other innovative programs,
5 provided that such funding for associated measures shall be allocated to the projects based
6 on priority status as identified by the annual state integrated coastal protection plan in order
7 to more effectively respond to the ever-changing coastal crisis; and

8 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3, requires that, as part of the development of the annual
9 plan, the board shall conduct not less than three public hearings in separate locations in the
10 western, central, and eastern areas of the coastal area for the purpose of receiving comments
11 and recommendations from the public and elected officials; and

12 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3, also requires that at least two weeks prior to each
13 public hearing, the board must contact the parish governing authorities, regional flood
14 protection authorities, levee districts, and the state legislators of the parishes in the coastal
15 areas for the purpose of soliciting their comments and recommendations and notifying them
16 of the public hearing to be held in their area; and

17 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3, requires the board to receive written comments and
18 recommendations until thirty days prior to the submission of the master plan to the
19 legislative committees; and

20 WHEREAS, given that the 2017 coastal master plan is also being presented to the
21 Louisiana Legislature this year, the annual plan has undergone the public comment process
22 in conjunction with the coastal master plan, which is well above and beyond the public
23 outreach required by law; and

24 WHEREAS, as required under the provisions of R.S. 49:214.5.3, the annual state
25 integrated coastal protection plan adopted by the board must be submitted to the House
26 Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, the Senate Committee on Natural
27 Resources and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and
28 the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, on or before the
29 fifteenth day of the regular legislative session of each year; and

1 WHEREAS, these committees must provide guidance for and approval of the annual
2 state integrated coastal protection plan; and

3 WHEREAS, the annual state integrated coastal protection plan shall become
4 effective and implemented upon approval of the annual plan by a majority of both houses
5 of the legislature, or if a majority of both houses of the legislature fails to disapprove the
6 annual state integrated coastal protection plan by July 1, 2017, it shall become immediately
7 effective and implemented.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby approve the Fiscal Year 2018 annual plan for
10 integrated coastal protection, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
11 Board.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

DIGEST

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