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## DIGEST

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HB 691 Reengrossed

2017 Regular Session

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**Abstract:** Establishes penalties for parishes and municipalities not applying for flood control project funding.

Present law provides for revision of the flood control database by the La. Geological Survey every four years.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission review and revise the flood control database at least once every five years.

Proposed law specifies that the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission consists of the following:

- (1) The Dept. of Transportation and Development.
- (2) The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.
- (3) The office of community development.
- (4) The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.
- (5) A member from the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.
- (6) A member from the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works.
- (7) A member of the House of Representatives representing St. Helena Parish.
- (8) A member of the House of Representatives representing Livingston Parish.
- (9) A member of the House of Representatives representing East Feliciana Parish.

Proposed law requires the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission to ensure that no development in a parish or municipality will have negative or detrimental effects on another parish or municipality.

Proposed law requires the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission to ensure that work in any basin area across parish or municipal boundaries is performed according to contractual

obligations or state law.

Proposed law requires the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission to report to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works at the beginning of the next regular session if they fail to perform the review and revision of the database.

Present law allows parishes and municipalities to apply for state funding for flood-control projects.

Proposed law requires that Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> of the year immediately following a gubernatorial disaster declaration, the Dept. of Transportation and Development send notice to any eligible municipality or parish specifying eligible flood-control projects.

Proposed law requires that by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following the disaster declaration a parish or municipality must submit an application for flood-control project funding.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to send notice to those municipalities or parishes that do not apply for funding by the application deadline indicating they must apply within 180 days in order to be eligible for funding.

Present law authorizes the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board, La. Geological Survey, division of administration, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and other agencies to review applications.

Proposed law removes the La. Geological Survey from the list of agencies reviewing applications.

Present law requires that the final revision of the flood information database by the La. Geological Survey be furnished to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee prior to the 1983 regular session.

Proposed law modifies present law such that the final revision of the flood information database by the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission to be furnished to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee prior to the 2022 regular session.

Proposed law requires that the final revision of the flood information database pertaining to the Amite River Basin be furnished to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee prior to the 2020 regular session.

Present law requires the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee to submit a list of recommended projects, and supporting data, to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works beginning with the 1984 regular session.

Proposed law modifies present law such that the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee must submit a list of recommended projects, and supporting data, to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works beginning with the 2023 regular session.

(Amends R.S. 38:90.2(A), 90.4(A)(1) and (B)(1), and 90.5(A); Adds R.S. 38:90.2(C) and 90.4(A)(3))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

##### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add to the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission:
  - (a) A member of the House of Representatives representing St. Helena Parish.
  - (b) A member of the House of Representatives representing Livingston Parish.
  - (c) A member of the House of Representatives representing East Feliciana Parish.