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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Allows the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to acquire property prior to judgment for integrated coastal protection purposes.

Present law authorizes levee districts and levee and drainage districts to acquire servitudes for levee and related purposes. Further allows such districts to acquire such property by expropriation prior to judgment. Proposed law provides the Coastal Protection and Restoration the same authorization for acquisition of property for integrated coastal protection purposes.

Present law requires levee districts and levee and drainage districts to file a petition in the appropriate district court along with a certified copy of a resolution by the governing board of the district declaring the expropriation to be necessary. Provides for the process by which the acquisition must be accomplished. Proposed law includes acquisition of property for integrated coastal protection by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority in each step of the process.

(Amends R.S. 38:281(3) and (4), 351, 352(1) and (3)(a), 353, 354, 355, 356(A), 358, 360(B)(1), 363(B), 364, 385(B), 386(A), 387(D), 390, and 396)