

**SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS****SB 427****2018 Regular Session****Chabert****KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

COASTAL PROTECTION/RES AUTH. Transfers the responsibilities of the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Atchafalaya Basin Program from within the Department of Natural Resources to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. (7/1/18)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Requires the director to promulgate rules in accordance with the APA and conduct meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.
2. Requires projects not in the basin master plan or the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Louisiana Plan be reviewed by the technical advisory group prior to inclusion in a basin annual plan.
3. Provides for one member of the technical advisory group from the west side of the Atchafalaya River and one member from the east side of the Atchafalaya River and require that each be a professional in engineering, geotechnology, hydrology, or environmental science.
4. Requires public hearings on the proposed basin annual plan.
5. Removes requirement for a minimum number of cooperative endeavors or agreements with the Corps for projects covering public access, environmental easements, water management, and recreation as provided in the basin master plan.
6. Makes technical corrections.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

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Present law provides for the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Atchafalaya Basin Program within the Dept. of Natural Resources.

Proposed law eliminates the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and transfers the responsibilities of the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Atchafalaya Basin Program to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA).

Proposed law authorizes the CPRA director to appoint a technical advisory group to develop the annual plan.

Present law provides for the membership of the technical advisory group. Proposed law adds the following members to the technical advisory group:

- 1) The director of the CPRA or his designee who shall serve as chair.
- 2) One member from the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.
- 3) One member from the Dept. of Health.
- 4) One member from the state land office.

- 5) One member from the Atchafalaya Basin Levee Board who must be a professional in engineering, geotechnology, hydrology, or environmental science.
- 6) One member chosen by the Police Jury Assoc. from a list submitted by the parish governing authorities of parishes that lie partially or completely within the basin located on the west side of the Atchafalaya River who must be a professional in engineering, geotechnology, hydrology, or environmental science.
- 7) One member chosen by the Police Jury Assoc. from a list submitted by the parish governing authorities of parishes that lie partially or completely within the basin located on the east side of the Atchafalaya River who must be a professional in engineering, geotechnology, hydrology, or environmental science.

Present law provides for the capital improvement program and authorized projects.

Proposed law removes project listings that have been completed.

Effective July 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 36:4(Z), 41:1706(A)(2) and (4) and 1709(A); adds R.S. 49:214.8.1 - 214.8.17; repeals R.S. 30:2000.1 - 2000.12 and R.S. 36:359(J))

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