

ACT No. 437

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 614

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES AND SENATOR BARROW

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:90.2(A) and to enact R.S. 38:90.2(B)(6), relative to the
3 Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission; to modify the membership of
4 the commission; to provide for an additional basis for revisions to the statewide flood
5 information database; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 38:90.2(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 38:90.2(B)(6)
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §90.2. Revision of flood information database by the Floodplain Evaluation and
10 Management Commission

11 A. Provided that sufficient funds are specifically appropriated to the office,
12 no later than March 1, 2022, and at least once every five years thereafter, the
13 Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission, consisting of the Department
14 of Transportation and Development, the Coastal Protection and Restoration
15 Authority, the office of community development, the Governor's Office of Homeland
16 Security and Emergency Preparedness, the Department of Environmental Quality,
17 a member from the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public
18 Works, a member from the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and
19 Public Works, and the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or his
20 designee shall review and revise the statewide flood information database. The
21 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his designee shall
22 serve as chairman of the commission. The database will be developed for the purpose

1 of the systematic evaluation of drainage and flooding problems in the state. The
 2 commission shall review the development proposals in each area to ensure that no
 3 development in one parish or municipality will have a negative or detrimental effect
 4 in any other parish or municipality. In addition, the commission shall ensure that
 5 maintenance in any basin area across parish or municipal boundaries, including the
 6 clearing and de-snagging of the Amite and Comite Rivers, are performed according
 7 to any contractual obligations and state law.

8 B. The revision shall be based upon the most recent distribution of flood
 9 hazard areas and flood damages based on, but not limited to, the following:

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11 (6) Coordinated statewide watershed evaluations.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____