

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

APPROPRIATIONS/JUDGMENT: Appropriates funds for payment of the judgment against the State of Louisiana, DOTD, in "Jean Boudreaux and the Victims of the Flood of April 6, 1983, on the Tangipahoa River v. State of La."

1 AN ACT

2 To appropriate funds out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana for Fiscal Year 2019-
3 2020 to be used to pay the final judgment in the suit entitled "Jean Boudreaux and
4 the Victims of the Flood on April 6, 1983 on the Tangipahoa River v. State of
5 Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, et al"; to provide for
6 interest; to provide for court costs; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. The sum of Ninety-One Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand
9 Seven Hundred Twenty and 79/100 (\$91,824,720.79) Dollars, plus legal interest from April
10 6, 1984, until paid, is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of the state of Louisiana
11 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, which shall be payable to plaintiffs through Hancock Bank, as
12 escrow agent, into escrow account number 1097000229 for payment of the judgment
13 rendered in the class action suit entitled "Jean Boudreaux and the Victims of the Flood on
14 April 6, 1983 on the Tangipahoa River v. State of Louisiana Department of Transportation
15 and Development, et al", bearing Number 2004-0985 on the docket of the Twenty-First
16 Judicial District Court, parish of Tangipahoa, state of Louisiana, which appropriation is to
17 be made only after there is a signed agreement of judgment between the class and the state.

18 Section 2. The judgment provided for in Section 1 hereof shall be deemed to have
19 been paid on the effective date of this Act and legal interest shall cease to run as of that date.

1 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2019; if vetoed by the governor
2 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
3 2019, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Appropriates from the state general fund for FY 2019-2020 the sum of \$91,824,720.79, plus interest from April 6, 1984, until paid, payable to Hancock Bank as escrow agent, into escrow account number 1097000229, as payment towards the judgment rendered in the class action suit entitled "Jean Boudreaux and the Victims of the Flood on April 6, 1983 on the Tangipahoa River v. State of La., DOTD, et al", bearing No. 2004-0985 on the docket of the 21st JDC, parish of Tangipahoa.

Effective July 1, 2019.