



1 pristine and natural state and should be based on the latest scientific, biological,  
2 hydrological, and geological data; and

3 WHEREAS, areas adjacent to the Pearl River and its tributaries have experienced a  
4 higher frequency of flooding in recent years; and

5 WHEREAS, activities in the state of Mississippi with regard to the portion of the  
6 Pearl River within its borders may affect the flow and level of the river in Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, the flood protection and efficient use of this important resource will  
8 depend on a comprehensive plan.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
10 re-establish the Lower Pearl River Basin task force to study and make recommendations to  
11 the legislature and federal agencies on the development of a long-term comprehensive  
12 master plan to address flood control and drainage issues, while preserving the Lower Pearl  
13 River Basin ecosystem.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force created shall consist of the  
15 following nine members:

16 (1) One member of the Senate appointed by the president, who shall serve as  
17 chairperson.

18 (2) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker.

19 (3) The secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, or his designee.

20 (4) The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or his designee.

21 (5) The secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, or his designee.

22 (6) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or his  
23 designee.

24 (7) The executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, or his  
25 designee.

26 (8) The parish president of Washington Parish, or his designee.

27 (9) The parish president of St. Tammany Parish, or his designee.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study should focus on the area of protection,  
29 riverine flooding, drainage, the potential creation of an authority to manage the area,  
30 financing for such an authority, long-term projects for the preservation and maintenance of

1 the area, and any future needs of the area.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve  
3 without compensation, except the per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be  
4 individually entitled as members of their respective constituent organization.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may conduct meetings at times  
6 as it may determine are necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively  
7 its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Resolution.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consider the feasibility of  
9 creating a multi-state compact with the state of Mississippi, a development district, or  
10 management authority within the state of Louisiana.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make a report of its findings  
12 and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, to the Senate  
13 Committee on Natural Resource, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and  
14 Public Works, the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, and the House  
15 Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, by February 1, 2022.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the task force determines that it is necessary  
17 to continue its study, it may do so until the task force terminates on January 1, 2024.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tyler S. McCloud.

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Re-establishes the Lower Pearl River Basin task force to study the conditions, needs, issues, and funding relative to the flood protection and preservation of the Lower Pearl River Basin and to recommend any action or legislation that the commission considers necessary or appropriate.

Task force to consist of the following nine members:

- (1) One senator appointed by the president, who shall serve as chairperson.
- (2) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker.
- (3) The secretary of DNR, or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of the DW&F, or his designee.
- (5) The secretary of the DEQ, or his designee.
- (6) The secretary of the DOTD, or his designee.

- (7) The executive director of CPRA, or his designee.
- (8) The parish president of Washington Parish, or his designee.
- (9) The parish president of St. Tammany Parish, or his designee.

Requires that the task force submit a report and recommendations with suggestions for proposed legislation to the Senate and House committees on transportation, highways and public works, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment by 2/1/22.

Provides that the task force terminates on 1/1/24.