

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 140

BY SENATOR CONNICK

A RESOLUTION

To request the Department of Transportation and Development to perform a cost-benefit analysis on merging the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District with the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West.

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West (SLFPA-West) is one of two levee authorities serving metropolitan New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, SLFPA-West provides flood protection for the most populated areas on the west bank of the Mississippi River in Jefferson and Orleans Parishes by building, operating, and maintaining flood control systems; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction of the SLFPA-West covers approximately forty-seven miles of hurricane flood protection levees, floodwalls, and floodgates and approximately thirty-three miles of Mississippi River levees and floodwalls; and

WHEREAS, a seven-member board of commissioners oversees SLFPA-West, which is made up of two levee districts, the West Jefferson Levee District, which serves the west bank portions of Jefferson Parish, and the Algiers Levee District, which serves the west bank portions of Orleans Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Algiers Levee District was reorganized to encompass the portion of the parish of Orleans on the west side of the Mississippi River and the West Jefferson Levee District was reorganized and encompasses all lands in the parish of Jefferson on the west side of the Mississippi River, except that area of land contained in the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to perform a cost-benefit analysis on merging the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District with the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the department shall prepare and deliver the report to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, the Senate Committee on Finance and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than December 1, 2024.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE