

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

COASTAL RESOURCES: Approves the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2026, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To approve the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2026, as
3 adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

4 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq. creates the Coastal Protection and Restoration
5 Authority Board (board) to represent the state's position in policy relative to the protection,
6 conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal area of the state through oversight
7 of integrated coastal protection projects and programs; and

8 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq. provides that the board shall develop, coordinate,
9 make reports on, and provide oversight for the annual state integrated coastal protection
10 plan; and

11 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.6.1 et seq. provides for the creation, duties, and
12 responsibilities of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (authority) as the
13 implementation and enforcement arm of the board and that through its offices and officers,
14 the authority shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the annual state
15 integrated coastal protection plan; and

16 WHEREAS, the annual state integrated coastal protection plan represents a state
17 policy for protecting, conserving, enhancing, and restoring Louisiana's coastal area through
18 the construction and management of integrated coastal protection projects and programs,
19 including coastal protection and restoration projects and hurricane protection projects, which
20 are projects that may require, without limitation, funding for associated measures such as the

1 beneficial use of dredged material, rehabilitation and repair of state restoration projects,
2 environmental and regulatory compliance, acquisition of land easements, rights-of-way,
3 relocations and disposal areas, maintenance programs, conservation and restoration
4 partnerships, reserve fund contingencies, and other innovative programs, provided that such
5 funding for associated measures shall be allocated to the projects based on priority status as
6 identified by the annual state integrated coastal protection plan in order to more effectively
7 respond to the ever-changing coastal crisis; and

8 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.8.1 et seq. requires that the annual state integrated coastal
9 protection plan provided for in R.S. 49:214.2 include the annual basin plan for the
10 Atchafalaya Basin and such annual basin plan is included as Appendix D to the annual state
11 integrated coastal protection plan; and

12 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3 requires that, as part of the development of the annual
13 state integrated coastal protection plan, the board shall conduct not less than three public
14 hearings in separate locations in the western, central, and eastern areas of the coastal area
15 for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations from the public and elected
16 officials; and

17 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3 also requires that at least two weeks prior to each public
18 hearing, the board shall contact the parish governing authorities, regional flood protection
19 authorities, levee districts, and the state legislators of the parishes in the coastal areas for the
20 purpose of soliciting their comments and recommendations and notifying them of the public
21 hearing to be held in their area; and

22 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3 requires the board to receive written comments and
23 recommendations until thirty days prior to the submission of the annual state integrated
24 coastal protection plan to the legislative committees; and

25 WHEREAS, as required under the provisions of R.S. 49:214.5.3, the annual state
26 integrated coastal protection plan adopted by the board shall be submitted to the House
27 Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, the Senate Committee on Natural
28 Resources, the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and the
29 Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, on or before the
30 fifteenth day of the regular legislative session of each year; and

1 WHEREAS, these committees shall provide guidance for and approval of the annual
2 state integrated coastal protection plan; and

3 WHEREAS, the annual state integrated coastal protection plan shall become
4 effective and implemented upon approval of the annual state integrated coastal protection
5 plan by a majority of both houses of the legislature, or if a majority of both houses of the
6 legislature fails to disapprove the annual state integrated coastal protection plan by July 1,
7 2025, it shall become immediately effective and implemented.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby approve the state's Fiscal Year 2026 annual plan for
10 integrated coastal protection, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
11 Board.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

DIGEST

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