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Creates a joint legislative committee to study and make recommendations relative to the water quality of the Atchafalaya Basin, including the causes and effects of sediment accumulation and its impacts on hydrology, habitat, and fisheries.

Provides that the joint legislative committee shall be composed of specified members of the Senate and House of Representatives representing designated legislative districts and that the president of the Senate shall designate a Senate member to call the first meeting, after which the committee shall elect its officers.

Provides that the committee shall have the powers otherwise provided by law and legislative rules, that members shall receive per diem and mileage, and that staff support shall be provided by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

Authorizes the committee to request data, technical assistance, and recommendations from specified state and federal agencies, academic institutions, stakeholders, and other interested parties involved in the management of the Atchafalaya Basin.

Requires the committee to submit a written report of findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislative or administrative actions, to the legislature and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library not later than April 1, 2027, and authorizes supplemental reports as needed.

Provides that the joint legislative committee shall terminate on January 11, 2028.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill

1. Make technical changes.

2. Adds Atchafalaya Basin Keeper to the list of organizations to provide input to the committee.