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SCR No. 39

Directs the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a science-based study, in consultation with existing levee districts, drainage districts, conservation districts, water resources districts, and parish presidents, of the adequacy of the current alignment of all Louisiana levee districts, drainage districts, conservation districts and other water resources districts, except for those created by R.S. 38:330.1 et seq., which currently administer the operations and maintenance of levees, flood protection and flood control systems in Louisiana pursuant to Article VI, Sections 38 through 42 of the constitution and Title 38 of the LRS, with respect to the hydrologic basins of the state in order to improve and update the territorial jurisdictions for the various entities responsible for flood protection, storm water management, drainage, and water resource management and to efficiently and effectively meet the needs and safety of Louisiana's citizens for future decades.

Requests that the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the Department of Economic Development, the commissioner of administration, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation, the commissioner of insurance, the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities, the United States Environmental Protection Agency; the United States Corps of Engineers, the United States Geological Survey, existing levee districts, drainage boards, water resource agencies, and parish governing authorities are each urged and requested to provide comments, cooperation, assistance, and resources to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Department of Transportation and Development to aid their efforts in completing this important task.

Provides that the study should:

1. Be based on the latest and most scientifically-reliable available data and technology.
2. Propose appropriate boundary lines for updating the territorial jurisdiction of levee districts, drainage districts, conservation districts and other water resources districts based on the latest and most scientifically-reliable available data relating to watersheds and the hydrologic basins of the state.
3. Provide an assessment of the existing and planned hurricane, flood protection and drainage infrastructure within each updated district that clearly depicts which communities are protected by that infrastructure given hydrologic conditions.
4. Provide an assessment of which communities are currently providing funding for

the operations and maintenance of associated flood protection and drainage infrastructure and which communities are not.

5. Describe a taxing system to provide for the current and future operations and maintenance needs of any proposed updated levee and drainage districts with respect to the current levee and drainage millages in each community.

Requires that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Department of Transportation and Development shall submit a final draft of proposed changes to Louisiana's levee districts, drainage districts, conservation districts and other water resources districts by February 1, 2014, together with any specific proposals for legislation.