Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1156

## BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE

## LEVEES/BDS & DISTRICTS: Provides relative to deposit of funds received as a result of lawsuits filed for damages to the coastal wetlands of the state

| 1  | AN ACT  |
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| 2  | To enact R.S. 38:301(G), relative to levee districts; to require that any funds received as a |
| 3  | result of a lawsuit for damages to the coastal wetlands be deposited to the Coastal           |
| 4  | Protection and Restoration Fund; and to provide for related matters.                          |
| 5  | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:  |
| 6  | Section 1. R.S. 38:301(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:                               |
| 7  | §301. Construction and maintenance of levees and drainage; care and inspection of             |
| 8  | levees; measure of compensation; right of entry; bicycle paths and walkways;                  |
| 9  | deposit of funds resultant from damage done to the coastal wetlands                           |
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| 11 | G. Funds received by a levee district as a result of claims brought by that                   |
| 12 | levee district for damage to the coastal wetlands of the state shall be deposited into        |
| 13 | the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund, Article VII, Section 10.2 of the                 |
| 14 | Constitution of Louisiana. Any such funds deposited shall be used to fund coastal             |
| 15 | restoration or protection projects in the geographical area of the levee district.            |

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## DIGEST

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HB No. 1156

Abstract: Requires that funds received as a result of lawsuits filed for damages to the coastal wetlands of the state be deposited to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that any funds received by a levee district as a result of claims brought by that levee district for damage to the coastal wetlands of the state shall be deposited to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund. Requires that any funds deposited be used to fund coastal restoration or protection projects in the geographical area of the levee district.

(Adds R.S. 38:301(G))