

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO

WATERWAYS: Provides relative to the authority of the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District to perform public works on streams and bayous in other parishes

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:9206(11), relative to the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District; to  
3 authorize the district to perform public works on streams and bayous in other  
4 parishes; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:9206(11) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §9206. General powers and duties of the board

11 In addition to the power and authority granted elsewhere in this Chapter, the  
12 board shall have all powers necessary and convenient for carrying out the purposes  
13 of the district enumerated in R.S. 33:9202 including the following:

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15 (11) Undertake, as otherwise provided by Paragraph (10) of this Section, any  
16 work that it deems necessary and proper to improve water quality and flow in Bayou  
17 Vermilion or any tributary or distributary thereof located in the parishes of Lafayette,  
18 St. Landry, St. Martin, or Vermilion, including but not limited to Bayou Carencro,  
19 Bayou Fuselier, Ruth Canal, also known as Evangeline Canal, Bayou Tortue, and  
20 Coulee Crow.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District to perform public works on streams and bayous in specified other parishes to improve water quality and flow in Bayou Vermilion.

Present law creates the Lafayette Parish Bayou Vermilion District to improve water quality and beautify Bayou Vermilion to promote the bayou as a recreational and cultural asset and to create and control an economic development adjacent to the bayou. Provides that the jurisdiction of the district is coterminous with Lafayette Parish. Provides for governance and powers and duties of the district.

Present law authorizes the district to make or construct any works of public improvement within the geographic limits of the district that may be necessary or useful for the business of the board by purchasing machinery or materials and equipment for performing such work and supervising the work or by making and constructing such works through contracts with others, all subject to laws applicable to public works contracts.

Proposed law authorizes the district to undertake, as otherwise provided in present law, any work that it deems necessary and proper to improve water quality and flow in Bayou Vermilion or any tributary or distributary thereof located in the parishes of Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, or Vermilion.

(Adds R.S. 33:9206(11))