

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 709 Reengrossed

2015 Regular Session

Harrison

LEVEES/BDS & DISTRICTS: Provides relative to per diem for members and board of commissioners of levee districts and levee and drainage districts

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Make technical changes.
2. Modify a provision that reduces the authorized per diem rate of members and board of commissioners of levee districts and levee and drainage districts from the federal per diem rates to 75% of such rate.
3. Add a provision that increases the per diem rate of the board of commissioners of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District to 75% of the federal per diem rates.
4. Add a provision that requires the board of commissioners of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District to give at least two weeks notice to the public of its intent to vote on whether or not to fix the per diem of its members above \$60.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law, in pertinent part, provides that each levee district and levee and drainage district in the state, any board of commissioners of any levee district and levee and drainage district in this state may by a vote of 2/3 of the total membership of the board fix the per diem of its members; however, the per diem of each member cannot exceed \$75 during the time such member is in actual attendance upon the board or performing duties authorized by the board. Specifies that the per diem may be payable for 36 days per year. Provides that during the period of an emergency as determined by the governor, each district which has been declared to be under such an emergency by the governor may be authorized to hold as many meetings or emergency activities as the board deems necessary and the members shall be paid per diem for such meetings or activities. Authorizes the reimbursement of each member for travel expenses in accordance with state travel regulations as prescribed by the Division of Administration.

Proposed law retains present law except ties the per diem rate of members and board of commissioners of levee districts and levee and drainage districts to 75% of the federal per diem rates.

Proposed law requires that a board of commissioners of any levee district and levee and drainage district in this state provide at least two weeks notice to the public of its intent to vote on whether or not to fix the per diem of its members above \$75.

Proposed law increases the per diem rate of the board of commissioners of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District from \$60 per day to 75% of the federal per diem rate. Also requires the board to give at least two weeks notice to the public of its intent to vote on whether or not to fix the per diem of its members above \$60.

(Amends R.S. 38:308(A) and 3304(B); Adds R.S. 38:308(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation,

Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Add a requirement that the board of commissioners of any levee district and levee and drainage district in this state must provide at least two weeks notice to the public of its intent to vote on whether or not to fix the per diem of its members above \$75.