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SB 373 Engrossed

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Present law provides that the district be governed and controlled by a board of 11 commissioners, all of whom must be a qualified elector of the state of Louisiana and a resident of Washington Parish.

Present law requires that the board of 11 commissioners be appointed by the governor and that the appointment of the members of the board of commissioners be subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the governor appoint replacements for each board vacancy in the same manner that the original board members were appointed and in compliance with present law as soon as possible.

Present law provides for the powers of the Washington Parish Reservoir District board of commissioners.

Present law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to advise the board with respect to the improvements and maintenance of the district, and assist the district to make such surveys, inspections, and investigations, render such reports, estimates, and recommendations, and furnish such plans and specifications as the board of commissioners of the district may request.

Present law permits the district to issue certificates of indebtedness, maturing within one year from date of issuance, to evidence money borrowed in anticipation of current revenues for the administration, operation, construction, and maintenance costs and expenses of the district and requires the certificates be payable in principal and interest from any available income, revenues, fees, or taxes pledged to their payment by the district.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits the board of commissioners from having authority to expropriate by eminent domain any immovable property in furtherance of present law.

Present law instead requires all contracts of the district be let by the board of commissioners under the provisions of R.S. 38:2181 et seq.

Proposed law requires all contracts of the district be let by the board of commissioners subject to Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Proposed law requires all board meetings be conducted pursuant to the open meetings law.

Proposed law requires notice of all meetings of the board of commissioners be posted on the website maintained by the parish governing authority of Washington Parish no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Effective Aug. 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 38:3087.194(A) and 3087.201; Adds R.S. 38:3087.197(D) and 3087.206)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.

2. Remove the present law repealer which would have deleted the placement of Washington Parish Reservoir District within the Dept. of Transportation and Development and the requirement that it perform and exercise its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities in the manner provided for agencies transferred in accordance with the provisions of present law.
3. Require the governor to appoint replacements for each board vacancy in the same manner that the original board members were appointed and in compliance with present law.
4. Prohibit the board of commissioners from expropriating by eminent domain any immovable property in furtherance of present law.
5. Provide that all contracts of the district must be let by the board of commissioners subject to Chapter 10 of Title 38 of the La. Revised Statutes rather than the provisions of R.S. 38:2181.
6. Require all board meetings be conducted pursuant to the open meetings law.
7. Require notice of all meetings of the board of commissioners be posted on the website maintained by the parish governing authority of Washington Parish no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting.