

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 513 (SB 373)**

**2016 Regular Session**

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Prior law provided that the Washington Parish Reservoir District be governed and controlled by an eleven member board of commissioners (board), all of whom are to be qualified electors of the state and residents of Washington Parish. Required that board members be appointed by the governor subject to Senate confirmation.

New law retains these provisions and requires that the governor appoint replacements for each board vacancy in the same manner that the original board members were appointed as soon as possible.

Prior law provided for the powers, duties, and functions of the board of commissioners.

Prior law required 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 reports, estimates, and recommendations, and furnish plans and specifications as may be requested by the board.

Prior law permitted 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.

New law retains these provisions but prohibits the board from having authority to expropriate by eminent domain any additional immovable property.

New law retains requirement that all contracts of the district be let by the board in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 10 of Title 38 regarding public works contracts.

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

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

Effective August 1, 2016.

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