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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes multi-jurisdictional spending across multiple levee districts.

Present law provides that flood protection authority board meetings must be convened on a rotating basis.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that flood protection authority board meetings may be convened on a rotating basis.

Present law provides that no taxes or other revenue of any levee district may be used for the liabilities of another levee district or authority.

Proposed law modifies present law by allowing taxes or other revenue of a levee district to be used for the liabilities of other levee districts or authorities when used for the payment of the joint costs of management, planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System and the Mississippi River levees in Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard parishes.

Present law provides that no taxes or other revenue of any levee district may be expended for any other purpose than that of the authority or levee district where the tax was collected.

Proposed law modifies present law by allowing taxes or other revenue of a levee district to be expended for purposes other than that of the authority or levee district where the tax was collected when used for the payment of the joint costs of management, planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System and the Mississippi River levees in Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard parishes.

Present law provides that the proceeds of taxes shall be deposited into separate accounts in the name of the levee district or flood protection authority. Present law further provides that there shall be no commingling of funds.

Proposed law allows the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank to establish separate accounts for the joint costs of management, planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System and the Mississippi River levees in Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard parishes.

(Amends R.S. 38:330.1(F)(1), 330.3(A)(1)(c) and (B), and 330.8(B)(1))