2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

WATER/RESOURCES: To extend the False River Watershed Council until June 30, 2020

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To extend the existence of the False River Watershed Council until June 30, 2020, and
3	provide for its membership.
4	WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 123 of the 2012 Regular Session of
5	the Louisiana Legislature created the False River Watershed Council consisting of twelve
6	representatives of state agencies, local government agencies, the legislature, and concerned
7	citizens; and
8	WHEREAS, the council was charged with meeting to " deliberate and produce
9	a report that will identify, review, and evaluate management strategies to facilitate the goal
10	of improving the aquatic habitat of False River; to provide recommendations for the optimal
11	management and protection of the resources within the False River watershed, including but
12	not limited to the following: the study of impacts and potential impacts to water quality,
13	excess nutrient and sediment run-off management, shoreline modification management,
14	watershed conservation measures, and innovative habitat restoration methodology;
15	coordination of federal, state, and local efforts to improve and protect water quality; surface
16	water resource management and protection policies; recommendations for the optimal
17	management and protection of the natural resources in the False River watershed;
18	identification of various funding options for ongoing maintenance of the False River
19	watershed; recommended changes to current procedures and practices to make the
20	management and protection of the natural resources in the False River watershed more
21	efficient, comprehensive, and sustainable"; and

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1	WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 123 provides that the council shall			
2	cease to exist on January 11, 2016, " unless it is extended by further action of the			
3	Louisiana Legislature "; and			
4	WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 230 of the 2015 Regular Session of			
5	the Louisiana Legislature continued the council's existence until June 30, 2016; and			
6	WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 36 of the 2016 Regular Session of			
7	the Louisiana Legislature continued the council's existence until June 30, 2017; and			
8	WHEREAS, the participants in the watershed council's efforts for " improving the			
9	aquatic habitat of False River; to provide recommendations for the optimal management and			
10	protection of the resources within the False River watershed " are united in their desire			
11	to continue those efforts through continued existence of the False River Watershed Council;			
12	and			
13	WHEREAS, to achieve the goal of a restored False River watershed as quickly and			
14	completely as possible, it continues to be necessary to bring together the various government			
15	interests, as well as nongovernmental stakeholder organizations who possess specialized			
16	knowledge or whose members represent resource users in the False River watershed.			
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby			
18	extend until June 30, 2020, the existence of the False River Watershed Council, whose			
19	membership shall be as follows:			
20	(1) The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his			
21	designee within the department.			
22	(2) The secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee			
23	within the department.			
24	(3) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee within			
25	the department.			
26	(4) The secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his designee within			
27	the department, who will serve as vice chair of the council.			
28	(5) The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee			
29	within the department, who shall serve as chair of the council.			
30	(6) The state senator from Senate District 17.			

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1	(7)	The state representative from House District 18.
2	(8)	Two members to be selected by the senator from Senate District 17.
3	(9)	Two members appointed by the representative from House District 18.
4	(10)	Two members appointed by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.
5	(11)	The director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness - Pointe Coupee
6	Parish.	
7	(12)	One member appointed by the mayor of the city of New Roads.
8	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the False River Watershed
9	Council shall	not be entitled to receive any salary, per diem, expenses, mileage, or other
10	emoluments of	of the office for their service on this commission, outside of any that they may
11	be entitled to	by virtue of their service in another public office.
12	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall, at the proper time, contact the
13	following fee	leral resource agencies to solicit their views and input with respect to
14	completing th	e study requested by this Resolution:
15	(1)	United States Army Corps of Engineers.
16	(2)	United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
17	(3)	United States Geological Survey.
18	(4)	National Resources Conservation Service.
19	(5)	United States Department of Agriculture.
20	(6)	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.
21	(7)	United States Environmental Protection Agency.
22	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23	Pointe Coupe	e Parish Police Jury, the commissioner of agriculture, the secretary of the
24	Department o	f Environmental Quality, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health,
25	the secretary of	of the Department of Natural Resources, and the secretary of the Department
26	of Wildlife an	d Fisheries.

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Extends the existence of the False River Watershed Council until June 30, 2020 and changes one member of the council <u>from</u> the Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office to the director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness - Pointe Coupee Parish.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

- The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Natural Resources and</u> <u>Environment</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:
- 1. Extend rather than re-establish the council.
- 2. Change the termination date of the council <u>from</u> June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2020.