RULE 6.8(A) REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LAW AND PROCEDURE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 259

May 24, 2017 Date

I. SUMMARY OF JOINT RESOLUTION

This report is for House Bill No. <u>259</u> of the 2017 Regular Session by Representative <u>Zeringue</u>, proposing to <u>amend Article VI</u>, <u>Section 39</u> of the Constitution.

HB 259 provides relative to the taxing authority of certain levee districts.

II. CONCLUSION

The proposed measure cannot be accomplished statutorily.

HB 259 proposes to add several levee districts to the existing districts which have authority to levy a tax without prior voter approval. The granting of authority to levy a tax without voter approval would require a constitutional amendment.

III. OTHER PENDING MEASURES

Total joint resolutions introduced: 50

Total joint resolutions reportedby other standing committees:19

There are no other pending measures proposing to amend Const. Art. VI, §39.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

With Amendments X

Without Amendments