
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2017 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 598 by Representative Abramson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "(C)" insert ", 231(A)(5) and (6) and (B), and 232"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 9, after "(C)" insert ", 231(A)(5) and (6) and (B), and 232"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, delete line 16, and insert the following:

7 "(9) Utilizes taxes levied on gasoline,"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 3, line 21, change "meet" to "support" and on line 22, change "planning
10 organizations" to "authorities with responsibility for transportation planning"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 4, line 6, after "Program" delete the remainder of line 6 and insert "in Stage 2 of the
13 department's project delivery process"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 6

15 On page 4, line 13, change "construction" to "projects in Stages 3 and 4"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 7

17 On page 4, line 16, change "construction" to "project delivery"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 8

19 On page 4, line 17, change "construction, the" to "project delivery, including each project's"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 9

21 On page 4, delete line 18 and insert "scheduled letting date, and estimated completion date,"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 10

23 On page 4, line 21, change "letting year" to "scheduled letting date"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 11

25 On page 5, line 1, after "(5)" delete "(a)" and delete lines 4 thru 11

26 AMENDMENT NO. 12

27 On page 5, delete line 19 and insert "avails of taxes levied on"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 13

2 On page 5, line 26, delete "and R.S. 47:818.12.1(D)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 14

4 On page 7, line 3, change "R.S. 47:818.12.1" to "Article VII, Section 27 of the Louisiana
5 Constitution"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 15

7 On page 7, line 6, change "R.S. 47:818.12.1" to "Article VII, Section 27 of the Louisiana
8 Constitution"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 16

10 On page 7, after line 7, insert the following:

11 " * * *

12 §231. Final construction program for current fiscal year; public hearings;
13 Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee; Joint
14 Committee on Transportation, Highway, and Public Works;
15 reports; review by legislature; restrictions on legislature

16 A.(1)

17 * * *

18 (5) Beginning February 1, 2018, and not later than February first of
19 each year thereafter, the department shall provide the Joint Committee on
20 Transportation, Highways, and Public Works with a proposed construction
21 program and list of projects together with the summary of project requests
22 from the public hearings held as required by Paragraph A(2) of this Section
23 together with a report based on the testimony received at the district public
24 hearings. ~~shall be sent to the department. When this proposed construction~~
25 program and list of projects is provided to the joint committee, the joint
26 committee shall hold a public hearing, and any project which the joint
27 committee determines is not in proper order of priority in accordance with
28 the factors stated in R.S. 48:229.1 may be deleted by the joint committee;
29 and, the joint committee may add or substitute any projects to this proposed
30 construction program for projects which have been removed. The joint
31 committee shall communicate the approved proposed construction program
32 to the department. The department shall then create the final approved
33 construction program for the coming fiscal year for submission to the
34 legislature.

35 (6) ~~When this~~ Beginning March 1, 2018, and not later than March
36 first of each year thereafter, when the final approved construction program
37 is communicated to the legislature for funding for the coming fiscal year, any
38 project which the legislature determines is not in the proper order of priority
39 in accordance with the factors stated in ~~R.S. 48:229~~ R.S. 48:229.1 may be
40 deleted by the legislature. However, the legislature shall not add any projects
41 to this final approved construction program, nor shall the legislature make
42 substitutions for projects which have been removed.

43 B.(1) The Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee shall be
44 comprised of the entire membership of the House and Senate transportation,
45 highways and public works committees, ~~and~~ The Joint Highway Priority
46 Construction Committee shall include legislators representing the parishes
47 within the respective highway district solely for the purposes of attending
48 the public hearings in each district as required in Subsection A (2) of this
49 Section. Notwithstanding any unforeseen circumstances, the chairman shall
50 provide notice, via electronic transmission, to each member of the Joint
51 Highway Priority Construction Committee and legislators representing the

1 parishes within the respective highway district, fifteen calendar days prior to
 2 each public hearing in each highway district as required in Subsection A(2)
 3 of this Section. Beginning in 2004, the chairman of the House
 4 Transportation, Highways and Public Works Committee shall serve as
 5 chairman of the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee. Thereafter,
 6 chairmanship of the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee shall
 7 rotate between the chairman of the House and Senate Transportation,
 8 Highways and Public Works Committees on a two-year basis.

9 (2) No action shall be taken by ~~such~~ either joint committee except by
 10 the favorable vote of a majority of the members thereof from each house
 11 present and voting, each house voting separately, a quorum of the joint
 12 committee being present.

13 §232. Apportionment of appropriated fund by the department; construction
 14 restricted to priority listing; secretary's emergency fund; specific
 15 approval for certain projects

16 A. No construction project shall be undertaken by the Department of
 17 Transportation and Development except those included in the priority listing
 18 for that fiscal year regardless of the source of the funds for the project, with
 19 the exception of projects undertaken and financed out of the secretary's
 20 emergency fund and projects involving the use of matching funds to meet
 21 federal requirements in order to receive federal aid funds. Appropriations for
 22 highway construction shall be apportioned by the department to the several
 23 highway classifications based on the proportion that the needs in each
 24 classification bears to the total needs and shall be allocated by the department
 25 to the projects within each classification. Semiannually the secretary shall
 26 provide the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation, Highways, and
 27 Public Works a recapitulation of all emergency projects for the preceding
 28 six-month period, outlining the nature and cost of the emergency.

29 B. Additionally, prior to undertaking any project that changes the
 30 flow of traffic by closing an existing interchange or reduces the number of
 31 travel lanes, the department shall receive specific approval to undertake such
 32 project from the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public
 33 Works."