

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 691****2017 Regular Session****Hodges**

DISTRICTS/DRAINAGE: Provides relative to the Statewide Flood-Control Program

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Requires the Flood Plain Evaluation and Management Commission to update and revise the flood control database every five years, provided sufficient funds are specifically appropriated to the office of engineering within the Dept. of Transportation and Development.
3. Removes the members of the House of Representatives from St. Helena, Livingston, and East Feliciana parishes from the commission and adds the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee.
4. Clarifies that the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development will serve as the chairman of the commission.
5. Clarifies that the commission must submit a written report to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works at the beginning of the next Regular Session if they fail to perform the review and revision of the database.
6. Clarifies that parishes or municipalities must apply for state-flood control project funding in a year following a gubernatorial flood disaster declaration.
7. Clarifies that the notice required in proposed law must contain information regarding the application procedures and deadline to submit eligible flood control projects.
8. Removes the requirement that the Dept. of Transportation and Development send notice when a parish or municipality fails to apply for flood-control project funding by Oct. 1st of the year immediately following a gubernatorial disaster declaration.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for revision of the flood control database by the La. Geological Survey every four years.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission review and revise the flood control database at least once every five years, provided funds are specifically appropriated to the Dept. of Transportation and Development, office of engineering.

Proposed law specifies that the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission consists of the following:

- (1) The Dept. of Transportation and Development.
- (2) The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.
- (3) The office of community development.

- (4) The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.
- (5) A member from the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.
- (6) A member from the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works.
- (7) The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee.

Proposed law provides that the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development or his designee will serve as chairman of the commission.

Proposed law requires the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission to ensure that no development in a parish or municipality will have negative or detrimental effects on another parish or municipality.

Proposed law requires the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission to ensure that work in any basin area across parish or municipal boundaries is performed according to contractual obligations or state law.

Proposed law requires the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission to submit a written report to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works at the beginning of the next Regular Session if they fail to perform the review and revision of the database.

Present law allows parishes and municipalities to apply for state funding for flood-control projects.

Proposed law requires that Sept. 1st of the year immediately following a gubernatorial flood disaster declaration, the Dept. of Transportation and Development send notice to any eligible municipality or parish containing information regarding the application procedures and deadlines to submit eligible flood control projects.

Proposed law requires that by Oct. 1st of the year following the disaster declaration a parish or municipality must submit an application for flood-control project funding.

Present law authorizes the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, La. Geological Survey, division of administration, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and other agencies to review applications.

Proposed law removes the La. Geological Survey from the list of agencies reviewing applications.

Present law requires that the final revision of the flood information database by the La. Geological Survey be furnished to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee prior to the 1983 Regular Session.

Proposed law modifies present law such that the final revision of the flood information database by the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission to be furnished to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee prior to the 2022 Regular Session.

Proposed law requires that the final revision of the flood information database pertaining to the Amite River Basin be furnished to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee prior to the 2020 Regular Session.

Present law requires the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee to submit a list of recommended projects, and supporting data, to the Joint Committee on Transportation,

Highways and Public Works beginning with the 1984 Regular Session.

Proposed law modifies present law such that the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee must submit a list of recommended projects, and supporting data, to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works beginning with the 2023 Regular Session.

(Amends R.S. 38:90.2(A), 90.4(A)(1)(intro. para.) and (B)(1), and 90.5(A); Adds R.S. 38:90.2(C))

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