

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 403

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEVE CARTER

WATER/RESOURCES: Provides relative to membership on the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District board of commissioners

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3074(A)(4), relative to the Capital Area Groundwater
3 Conservation District board of commissioners; to provide that one member of the
4 commission be the director of the East Baton Rouge Parish Department of Public
5 Works or an engineer from within certain offices of that department; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 38:3074(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §3074. Board of commissioners; appointments; tenure; replacement; compensation

13 A. The board of commissioners shall consist of sixteen members who shall
14 be appointed by the governor. Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted
15 to the Senate for confirmation. The members shall be appointed as follows:

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17 (4) One member shall be the director of the City of Baton Rouge/East Baton
18 Rouge Parish Department of Public Works, or his designee a person designated by
19 the Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge, who
20 shall be a registered professional engineer employed on the staff of the Department

1 of Environmental Services, the Department of Transportation and Drainage, or the
2 Department of Development, within the Department of Public Works.

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4 Section 2. Any member of the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District
5 Commission serving on the effective date of this Act who does not qualify for appointment
6 to their position under the provisions of this Act shall immediately resign and be replaced
7 by a qualified person.

8 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
10 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
11 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
12 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to membership on the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District board of commissioners.

Present law creates the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District and the board of commissioners. The board consists of 16 members appointed by the governor as follows:

- (1) One member appointed from each parish in the district.
- (2) Three members appointed from the industrial users in the district.
- (3) Three members appointed from privately or publicly owned entities that furnish water for rural or municipal use within the district.
- (4) One member who is the director of the Dept. of Public Works, or his designee.
- (5) One member who is the commissioner of conservation, or his designee, who shall be a member of his staff.
- (6) One member appointed from nominations by the La. Farm Bureau Federation and the La. Cattlemen's Association.
- (7) One member who is the secretary of the Dept. of Environmental Quality, or his designee, who shall be a member of his staff.

- (8) One member appointed from the nomination by the members of the board.

Proposed law would change the director of the Dept. of Public Works appointment to be the director of the City of Baton Rouge/E. Baton Rouge Parish Dept. of Public Works, or a person designated by the Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of E. Baton Rouge, who is a registered professional engineer from the staff of the Dept. of Environmental Services, the Dept. of Transportation and Drainage, or the Dept. of Development, within the Dept. of Public Works.

Proposed law provides that any member of the commission serving on the effective date of the Act who does not qualify for appointment to their position under the provisions of this Act shall immediately resign and be replaced by a qualified person.

Effective upon signature by governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 38:3074(A)(4))