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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Bayou DeSiard - Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off Loop Water Conservation Board to regulate or prohibit vessel traffic on Lake Bartholomew during flood events.

Present law prohibits all local political subdivisions from regulating watercraft in any respect with some exceptions provided for in present law.

Proposed law authorizes the Bayou DeSiard - Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off Loop Water Conservation Board to regulate or prohibit the operation of any vessel on, or on any area inundated by, the Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off Loop, also known as Lake Bartholomew, when the surface elevation of the water body is greater than 73 feet.

Proposed law requires that any regulation or prohibition adopted pursuant to proposed law does not apply to law enforcement, the National Guard, or any rescue or disaster relief organization in the exercise of their duty.

Proposed law also requires a public hearing be held prior to the adoption of any ordinance pursuant to proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.27(A) and R.S. 38:2753)