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HOUSE BILL NO. 614

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BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

DISTRICTS/DRAINAGE: Provides relative to the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:90.2(A) and to enact R.S. 38:90.2(B)(6), relative to the 3 Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission; to modify the membership of 4 the commission; to provide for an additional basis for revisions to the statewide flood 5 information database; and to provide for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. R.S. 38:90.2(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 38:90.2(B)(6) 8 is hereby enacted to read as follows: 9 §90.2. Revision of flood information database by the Floodplain Evaluation and 10 **Management Commission** 11 A. Provided that sufficient funds are specifically appropriated to the office, 12 no later than March 1, 2022, and at least once every five years thereafter, the 13 Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission, consisting of the Department 14 of Transportation and Development, the Coastal Protection and Restoration 15 Authority, the office of community development, the Governor's Office of Homeland 16 Security and Emergency Preparedness, the Department of Environmental Quality, 17 a member from the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public 18 Works, a member from the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and 19 Public Works, and the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or his 20 designee shall review and revise the statewide flood information database. The

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secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his designee shall serve as chairman of the commission. The database will be developed for the purpose of the systematic evaluation of drainage and flooding problems in the state. The commission shall review the development proposals in each area to ensure that no development in one parish or municipality will have a negative or detrimental effect in any other parish or municipality. In addition, the commission shall ensure that maintenance in any basin area across parish or municipal boundaries, including the clearing and de-snagging of the Amite and Comite Rivers, are performed according to any contractual obligations and state law.

B. The revision shall be based upon the most recent distribution of flood hazard areas and flood damages based on, but not limited to, the following:

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(6) Coordinated statewide watershed evaluations.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds the Dept. of Environmental Quality to the membership of the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission. Also adds coordinated statewide watershed evaluations as a basis for revisions to the statewide flood information database.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission (commission) consists of the Dept. of Transportation and Development, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the office of community development, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, a member from the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, a member from the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Proposed law adds the Dept. of Environmental Quality to the commission.

<u>Present law</u> provides that revisions to the statewide flood information database shall be based upon the most recent distribution of flood hazard areas and flood damages based on, but not limited to: drainage patterns with hydrologic units, floodprone areas as defined by the 100-year flood, current development patterns and population density, major drainage projects constructed within the preceding four years and identification of problem areas

which could be improved, and estimates of the economic impact of the loss sustained in the inundated areas.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds coordinated statewide watershed evaluations as a basis for revisions to the statewide flood information database.

(Amends 38:90.2(A); Adds R.S. 38:90.2(B)(6))