
DIGEST

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HB 435 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes certain water conservation boards to regulate or prohibit vessel traffic 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 any water conservation board with a jurisdiction including a parish with a population between 190,000 and 135,000 and one other adjacent parish with a population between 30,000 and 26,000, both based on the latest federal decennial census, to regulate or prohibit the operation of any vessel on, or on any area inundated by, a lake located on the border of one of the parishes within the board's jurisdiction when that body of water is above flood stage.

Proposed law specifies 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); Adds R.S. 38:2758)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Remove the Bayou DeSiard Bayou Bartholomew Cut-Off Loop Water Conservation Board from proposed law.
2. Grant the authority in proposed law to any water conservation board that has parishes with certain populations within the board's jurisdiction.