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## DIGEST

SB 372 Reengrossed

## 2018 Regular Session

Cortez

<u>Present law</u> provides for the Statewide Flood Control Program administered by the office of engineering in the Department of Transportation and Development. The program requires a local match of 10% of the cost of construction from an authority.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates the Rural Grant Opportunity Program to provide a mechanism for a municipality with fewer than 5,000 people or a parish with fewer than 25,000 people located in a rural area ("rural grant opportunity authority" or "authority") without financial ability to provide the local match requirement of the Statewide Flood Control Program to apply for funds.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that funds for the Rural Grant Opportunity Program shall not exceed 25% of the annual capital outlay appropriation by the legislature for the Statewide Flood Control Program.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires an authority's application to meet the requirements of R.S. 38:90.4(A)(1) and also to include a resolution declaring its financial inability to meet a 10% local match and documentation to support its declaration.

<u>Proposed law</u> relieves an authority whose grant application is approved from satisfying the 10% local match.

<u>Proposed law</u> makes federal matching projects ineligible for funds under the Rural Grant Opportunity Program. Prohibits special districts from participating in the program.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 38:90.4(A)(1)(intro para) and 90.9; adds R.S. 38:90.1(12) and (13) and 90.4.1)

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

## Senate Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill

- 1. Define "Rural grant opportunity authority" to mean a municipality with a population of fewer than 5,000 people or a parish with a population of fewer than 25,000 people located in a rural area.
- 2. Allow pre-applications for funding of flood-control projects to be submitted by May 1st of each year for funding consideration.

3. Prohibit special districts from participating in the program.