

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 403

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

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

DIGEST

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 changes 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 and 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 requires the commissioner of conservation's designee to be a professional geologist licensed by the La. Board of Professional Geoscientists or be a registered professional engineer with expertise in groundwater resource management.

Proposed law requires the secretary of DEQ's designee to be a professional geologist licensed by the La. Board of Professional Geoscientists or be a registered professional engineer with expertise in groundwater resource management.

Proposed law adds a member appointed by the mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge and parish of E. Baton Rouge who must be a professional geologist licensed by the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists or be a registered professional engineer with expertise in groundwater resource management.

Proposed law changes the appointment from the nomination by the members of the board to an appointment by the governor from nominations submitted by a majority vote of the members of the board. Further provides that the appointee be a professional geologist licensed by the La. Board of Professional Geoscientists or a technical professional with

expertise in groundwater resource management who is licensed by the La. Professional Engineering Board.

Present law provides for three-year terms for the commission members. Proposed law removes antiquated provisions that established initial staggered terms of the commission members.

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)(intro. para.), (4),(5),(7) and (8) and (B); Adds R.S. 38:3074(A)(9))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add a member appointed by the mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge and parish of E. Baton Rouge.
2. Remove antiquated provisions that established initial staggered terms for the commission members.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Environmental Quality to the reengrossed bill

1. Adds requirements for certain board members.
2. Changes the appointment by the governor from nomination by the members of the board to nominations submitted by a majority vote of the board.