2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 421

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

LEVEES/BDS & DISTRICTS: Establishes minimum requirements for a levee commissioner

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:304(A), relative to the requirements for a levee commissioner; to provide relative to the language and education requirement for a levee commissioner; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 38:304(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§304. Appointment of members; residency and education requirements; filling of vacancies

A.(1) Any person appointed a levee commissioner or levee and drainage commissioner must have resided in this state the preceding two years, resided in the levee district the preceding year, be a qualified voter of one of the parishes included in the district, and reside in the district while serving as a member of the board.

(2) Any person appointed a levee commissioner or levee and drainage commissioner must be proficient in reading and writing in English and shall possess a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by the date the member is nominated.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds a language and education requirement as a prerequisite for appointment as a levee commissioner or levee and draining commissioner.

Present law requires a levee commissioner or levee and draining commissioner to have resided in this state the preceding two years, resided in the levee district the preceding year, be a qualified voter of one of the parishes included in the district, and reside in the district while serving as a member of the board.

Proposed law maintains present law and requires any person appointed a levee commissioner or levee and draining commissioner be able to read and write the English language correctly and possess a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education by the date the member is nominated.

(Amends R.S. 38:304(A))