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HOUSE BILL NO. 421

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BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

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

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:304(A), relative to the requirements for a levee 3 commissioner; to provide relative to the language and education requirement for a 4 levee commissioner; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 38:304(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §304. Appointment of members; residency and education requirements; filling of 8 vacancies 9 A.(1) Any person appointed a levee commissioner or levee and drainage 10 commissioner must have resided in this state the preceding two years, resided in the 11 levee district the preceding year, be a qualified voter of one of the parishes included 12 in the district, and reside in the district while serving as a member of the board. 13 (2) Any person appointed a levee commissioner or levee and draining 14 commissioner must be proficient in reading and writing in English and shall possess 15 a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the State Board of 16 Elementary and Secondary Education by the date the member is nominated. 17

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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> maintains <u>present law</u> 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))