

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 1042

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PARKS: Requires certain agencies within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to evaluate certain drainage projects

DIGEST

Proposed law requires an agency placed within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism with responsibility for parks and recreational facilities to require a licensed civil engineer to conduct certain tasks with respect to any new drainage project that is located within the jurisdiction of the agency and that diverts water from a municipal drainage system including but not limited to:

- (1) Evaluating the design and maintenance on a quarterly basis including providing a monthly status report on the level of dredging in park lagoons during the months of Jan. through May.
- (2) Providing weekly status reports on the dredging level from June through Nov. and the reports must include a measurement of the depth and water quality of the lagoons and the measurements must be approved by a civil engineer who certifies their accuracy.
- (3) Being present at the local flood protection authority during any named tropical storm or hurricane.

Proposed law requires the agency to hire a licensed horticulturist and civil engineer to maintain drainage equipment, bioswales, etc.

Proposed law provides that the new infrastructure project must be eliminated or revert to a pump system run by a local sewerage and water board if the agency does not meet the requirements of proposed law or funding is not available to meet the requirements.

(Adds R.S. 36:209.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

- 1. Limit the drainage projects to which proposed law is applicable to projects that divert water from municipal drainage systems.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the engrossed bill

- 1. Remove requirement to revert bioswales back to original condition if agency does not meet requirements of proposed law.