
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the expropriation of property in Lake Charles and Sulphur by the Consolidated Gravity Drainage Districts of Calcasieu Parish.

Present law (R.S. 19:134) provides for the expropriation of property by a declaration of taking by Calcasieu Parish and the city of Lake Charles.

Present law defines "governing authority" to include Calcasieu Parish and the city of Lake Charles.

Proposed law expands present law to include the city of Sulphur.

Present law (R.S. 19:134.1) provides for the authority of Calcasieu Parish and the city of Lake Charles to expropriate property for street, drainage, water, utility, or sewerage projects prior to judgment.

Proposed law expands present law to include the city of Sulphur and the Consolidated Gravity Drainage Districts of Calcasieu Parish.

Proposed law provides that the Consolidated Gravity Drainage Districts of Calcasieu Parish may only utilize proposed law if expressly authorized for a particular project by the governing authority of Calcasieu Parish or the governing authority of a city where a property is located entirely within that city.

Proposed law provides that any references to the director of public works within proposed law shall be an employee designated by the governing authority for this purpose. Proposed law further provides that any references to a city or parish engineer shall mean a the professional engineer designated by the governing authority for this purpose.

(Amends the heading of Part III-E of Title 19 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 19:134 and 134.1)