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SB 102 Original DIGEST Fred Mills  
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Proposed law establishes the Acadiana Watershed District, provides for its purpose, and defines its geographic boundaries.

Proposed law provides for the district's corporate status and its authority to incur debt, for a domicile central to the district, for ownership, operation, and maintenance of a regional sensor network, and for recognition of the Louisiana Watershed Flood Center at UL-Lafayette as a regional data resource.

Proposed law provides for the responsibilities and auditing of the district and for its use, storage, and maintenance of the LWI Region 5 hydrologic and hydraulic model.

Proposed law establishes a board of commissioners to govern and manage the affairs of the district, provides for the membership appointments, for creation of bylaws, for meetings, for a technical advisory committee comprised of non-voting members, for compensation of board members, for terms, and for replacement of board members.

Proposed law provides for the powers of the board of commissioners, including that to acquire funding and property, to contract with public and private entities, to levy taxes on any property within the district subject to taxation, to advise state and local government on drainage and flooding issues, to conduct public hearings, to construct and maintain drainage works, to develop and recommend regional planning and practice guidance, and to develop and implement a waterway management plan and a comprehensive drainage, flood control, and water resource management plan.

Proposed law authorizes the district to develop a regional hazard mitigation plan that is consistent with parish hazard mitigation plans.

Proposed law precludes the division of administration, Dept. of Transportation and Development, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority from displacing, replacing, or supplanting district funding.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Enacts R.S. 38:3321-3327)