



1 Orleans area after Hurricane Katrina, East Baton Rouge Parish experienced an explosive  
2 population growth and is now the most populous parish in the state, making the Comite  
3 River Diversion Canal Project all the more important and urgently significant; and

4 WHEREAS, the work of the task force originally began pursuant to House  
5 Concurrent Resolution No. 51 of the 2014 Regular Session and continued pursuant to House  
6 Concurrent Resolution No. 66 of the 2015 Regular Session, House Concurrent Resolution  
7 No. 39 of the 2016 Regular Session, House Concurrent Resolution No. 90 of the 2019  
8 Regular Session, House Concurrent Resolution No. 62 of the 2020 Regular Session, and  
9 House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 of the 2022 Regular Session.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
11 create the Comite River Diversion Canal/Amite River Basin Task Force and authorizes the  
12 task force to meet and make recommendations to the legislature and the appropriate state and  
13 federal agencies on actions necessary to complete the construction and maintenance of the  
14 Comite River Diversion Canal Project, including strategies to comply with mitigation  
15 requirements and right-of-way acquisitions, mitigation of flooding caused by the Comite  
16 River, other required mitigation projects and flood plain planning throughout the Amite  
17 River Basin, and the actions of the watershed initiative pertaining to the Amite River Basin  
18 to maintain transparency to the citizens of the Amite River Basin.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of the  
20 following members:

21 (1) The state senator for Senate District 13, who shall serve as the chairman of the  
22 task force.

23 (2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate whose  
24 districts are directly impacted by the Amite River Basin.

25 (3) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
26 House of Representatives whose district corresponds with Senate District 13, who shall serve  
27 as the vice chairman of the task force.

28 (4) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
29 House of Representatives, whose districts are directly impacted by the Amite River Basin.

30 (5) One member appointed by the members of the Louisiana congressional

1 delegation representing the district in which the Amite River Basin is located.

2 (6) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or his  
3 designee.

4 (7) The executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, or his  
5 designee.

6 (8) One member appointed by the chairman of the task force who is a former member  
7 of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District board of commissioners.

8 (9) One member appointed by the director of the Louisiana Geological Survey.

9 (10) The director of the Department of Public Works of East Baton Rouge Parish,  
10 or his designee.

11 (11) One member appointed by the president of the Louisiana Home Builders  
12 Association, who is a home builder within the area impacted by the Amite River Basin  
13 District.

14 (12) One member appointed by Louisiana REALTORS who is a realtor in the area  
15 impacted by the Amite River Basin District.

16 (13) One member appointed by the director of the Federal Emergency Management  
17 Agency (FEMA) Louisiana Recovery Office.

18 (14) One member appointed by the Louisiana Landowners Association, Incorporated,  
19 who is a landowner in the area impacted by the Amite River Basin District.

20 (15) One member appointed by the president of the board of commissioners for the  
21 Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District.

22 (16) The executive director of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors,  
23 or his designee.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the  
25 names of designees appointed to the task force to the chairperson no later than June 30,  
26 2024.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force shall convene its first meeting no later  
28 than July 31, 2024, at the call of chairperson.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a  
30 quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the task force shall require the

