

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 181

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

DISTRICTS/DRAINAGE: Provides for the membership of gravity drainage district boards of commissioners in Ascension Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:1759(B) and 1764(C), relative to consolidated gravity
3 drainage districts in Ascension Parish; to provide relative to the boards of
4 commissioners of consolidated gravity drainage districts in the parish; to provide for
5 the powers of the districts and responsibilities of the parish; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 38:1759(B) and 1764(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
9 as follows:

10 §1759. Appointment and terms of commissioners

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12 B.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the
13 board of commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 2 and Gravity Drainage
14 District No. 5 of Livingston Parish shall consist of seven members, subject to all
15 other requirements of qualifications for office provided in Subsection A of this
16 Section.

17 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the board
18 of commissioners of the East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District
19 No. 1 consists of the Ascension Parish council members whose council districts
20 include portions of the drainage district.

DIGEST

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HB 181 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the membership of the boards of commissioners of consolidated gravity drainage districts in Ascension Parish.

Present law (R.S. 38:1751(A)) authorizes the governing authority of a parish to create gravity drainage districts from lands which drain by gravity.

Present law (R.S. 38:1759(A)) requires the governing authority organizing a gravity drainage district to appoint five commissioners for each district.

Proposed law provides an exception for the boards of commissioners of gravity drainage districts in Ascension Parish.

Proposed law provides that the board of commissioners of East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 consists of the Ascension Parish council members whose districts include portions of the gravity drainage district.

Proposed law provides that the board of commissioners of West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 consists of the following three members:

- (1) The member of the Ascension Parish council whose council district includes all or the larger part of the drainage district.
- (2) The mayor of Donaldsonville or his designee.
- (3) A member appointed by the Ascension Parish council.

Proposed law requires the Ascension Parish president to administer all services and work furnished by the gravity drainage districts in the parish using the parish's departments and agencies.

(Amends R.S. 38:1759(B) and 1764(C))