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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Original Senate Bill  
No. 97 by Senator Pressly

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1    AMENDMENT NO. 1

2    On page 1, line 6, change "2359" to "2360"

3    AMENDMENT NO. 2

4    On page 1, line 17, after "programs;" insert "to provide for exclusion, exemptions, terms, and  
5    conditions; to provide for appeals; to provide for emergencies;"

6    AMENDMENT NO. 3

7    On page 2, line 6, change "2359" to "2360"

8    AMENDMENT NO. 4

9    On page 8, line 6, after "C." insert "(1)"

10   AMENDMENT NO. 5

11   On page 8, between lines 10 and 11, insert:

12        **"(2) Nothing in this Chapter shall impair, amend, supersede, or nullify the**  
13        **authority of any political subdivision, port, navigation district, or levee district**  
14        **designated as a local sponsor pursuant to an act of Congress, a federal authorization,**  
15        **or a cooperative agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers."**

16   AMENDMENT NO. 6

17   On page 8, between lines 20 and 21, insert:

18        **"(3) "Integrated" means the coordinated planning, funding, construction, and**  
19        **operation of flood control, navigation, recreation, water management, and economic**  
20        **development projects to ensure efficient use of resources, minimize conflicts, and**  
21        **promote sustainable development."**

22   AMENDMENT NO. 7

23   On page 9, line 4, change "district" to "District"

24   AMENDMENT NO. 8

25   On page 15, line 19, after "regulations" insert "to implement the provisions of this  
26   Section. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted"

27   AMENDMENT NO. 9

28   On page 15, line 20, after "Act" delete the remainder of the line and insert ".\_"

29   AMENDMENT NO. 10

30   On page 19, between lines 12 and 13, insert:

31        **"H. Nothing in this Chapter shall apply to projects wholly funded and**  
32        **constructed by private entities on private property that do not utilize public funds,**

require inclusion in the annual plan, or require use of public infrastructure subject to authority's jurisdiction.

I. Nothing in this Chapter shall supersede, nullify, or otherwise diminish the ability of any political subdivision, levee district, drainage district, navigation district, or port authority to pursue or implement projects independently of the Annual Plan, provided such projects are consistent with the Master Plan. Entities not seeking funding assistance from the Authority may proceed with projects pursuant to other applicable laws and regulations."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 21, between lines 28 and 29, insert:

"C. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to diminish or impair the constitutional, statutory, or contractual authority of any levee district, drainage district, navigation district, or port commission operating within the upland area. The Authority shall coordinate with such entities to the greatest extent practicable.

#### §2357. Appeals

A. Any project sponsor whose project is denied inclusion in the annual plan may request reconsideration by submitting a written appeal to the authority within thirty days of the notice of the initial determination.

B. The authority shall render a final decision on the appeal within sixty days of submission. Exhaustion of this administrative remedy shall be required before seeking judicial review."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 26, between lines 18 and 19, insert:

#### "§2360. Emergency Projects

A. Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter, in the event of a declared emergency under R.S. 29:721 et seq., a project within the jurisdiction of the authority may proceed immediately upon written certification by the Governor that the project is necessary to preserve public health, safety, critical military infrastructure, or essential federal navigation or flood control interests.

B. Projects authorized under this Section shall be submitted for ratification in the next Annual Plan but may proceed prior to such approval."