

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

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FLOODING/CONTROL: Urges and requests the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modify flood map review frequency

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to review
3 Louisiana's floodplain maps and implement updates every five years.

4 WHEREAS, FEMA is responsible for helping people before, during, and after
5 disasters; and

6 WHEREAS, Congress enacted the National Flood Insurance Program to better
7 protect the United States from flooding by providing a unified national program for
8 floodplain management; and

9 WHEREAS, catastrophic flooding from Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana precipitated
10 drastic changes with FEMA and its oversight and management of floods and flood risks; and

11 WHEREAS, FEMA's floodplain maps are a fundamental element of the flood
12 insurance program, providing a basis for flood insurance rates and floodplain management
13 regulations; and

14 WHEREAS, the maps are utilized by governments officials, developers, and planners
15 to determine the vulnerability to flooding when building communities; and

16 WHEREAS, many existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) may not fully
17 reflect current flood risks due to changing environmental conditions, infrastructure
18 developments, and evolving climate patterns; and

1 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is highly vulnerable to flooding due to its
2 low-lying geography, coastal erosion, subsidence, and increased frequency of severe weather
3 events; and

4 WHEREAS, Louisiana coastal and flood-prone communities are consistently
5 implementing structural mitigation measures such as elevating structures on piers, posts, and
6 pilings, relocating structures, rezoning planning maps, and shoring up levees; and

7 WHEREAS, in particular, over the past several decades, Louisiana has made
8 significant investments in flood protection, including major levee improvements, ongoing
9 work on the Morganza to Gulf project, and the development of advanced pumping systems
10 across our coastal communities; and

11 WHEREAS, these efforts represent a strong, sustained commitment to reducing flood
12 risk and protecting life, property, and critical infrastructure; and

13 WHEREAS, accurate and up-to-date floodplain maps are essential tools for
14 protecting lives, guiding responsible development, determining flood insurance
15 requirements, and informing emergency preparedness efforts; and

16 WHEREAS, outdated or inaccurate floodplain maps can lead to increased property
17 damage, higher recovery costs, and insufficient risk awareness among residents and local
18 governments.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 urge and request FEMA to conduct a comprehensive review which fully recognizes and
21 accounts for the substantial work and investments made to improve flood mitigation when
22 reevaluating flood risk under Risk Rating 2.0, accurately reflecting the progress Louisiana
23 has made which is essential to ensuring fair and equitable flood insurance rates for Louisiana
24 residents and businesses.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that frequent reviews of the floodplain maps utilizing
26 the most updated and accurate data available be conducted and updates be implemented
27 every five years.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that FEMA is encouraged to collaborate closely with
29 state agencies, parish governments, academic institutions, and local stakeholders to ensure
30 that updated maps reflect on-the-ground conditions and community knowledge.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that updated floodplain maps should be made easily
2 accessible to the public and be accompanied by clear guidance to help residents understand
3 their flood risk and insurance implications.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
5 administrator of FEMA, the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, and the
6 members of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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Domangue

Urges and requests the Federal Emergency Management Agency to review Louisiana's floodplain maps and flood risk mitigation measures implemented and update the maps every five years.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed resolution:

1. Add flood mitigation efforts to the information which the legislature is urging and requesting the Federal Emergency Management Agency to review when reevaluating flood risk under Risk Rating 2.0 when setting rates and updating maps.