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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

COASTAL RESOURCES: Approves the 2013-2014 annual plan for integrated coastal protection and restoration

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To approve the annual integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, as 3 adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. 4 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq., creates the Coastal Protection and Restoration 5 Authority Board to represent the state's position in policy relative to the protection, 6 conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal area of the state through oversight 7 of integrated coastal protection projects and programs; and 8 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq. provides that the board shall develop, coordinate, 9 make reports on, and provide oversight for the comprehensive coastal protection annual 10 plan; and 11 WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq. provides for the creation, duties, and 12 responsibilities of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority as the implementation 13 and enforcement arm of the board and through its offices and officers, shall be responsible 14 for the implementation and enforcement of the annual state integrated coastal protection 15 plan; and 16 WHEREAS, the annual state integrated coastal protection plan represents the state policy for protecting, conserving, and restoring Louisiana's coastal area through the 17 18 construction and management of integrated coastal protection projects and programs, 19 including coastal protection and restoration projects and hurricane protection projects, which 20 are projects that may require, without limitation, funding for associated measures such as the 21 beneficial use of dredged material, rehabilitation and repair of state restoration projects,

1 environmental and regulatory compliance, acquisition of land easements, right-of-ways, 2 relocations and disposal areas (LERRDS), maintenance programs, conservation and 3 restoration partnerships, reserve fund contingencies, and other innovative programs, 4 provided that such funding for associated measures shall be allocated to the projects based 5 on priority status as identified by the annual state integrated coastal protection plan in order 6 to more effectively respond to the ever-changing coastal crisis; and 7 WHEREAS, as required under the provisions of R.S. 49:214.5.3, the annual state 8 integrated coastal protection plan adopted by the authority must be submitted to the Senate 9 Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and 10 Environment and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and 11 the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, on or before the 12 fifteenth day of the regular legislative session of each year; and 13 WHEREAS, these committees must provide guidance for and approval of the annual 14 state integrated coastal protection plan; and 15 WHEREAS, the annual state integrated coastal protection plan shall become 16 effective and shall be implemented upon approval of the annual plan by a majority of both 17 houses of the legislature, or if a majority of both houses of the legislature fails to disapprove 18 the annual state integrated coastal protection plan by July 1, 2013, it shall become 19 immediately effective and implemented. 20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 21 approve the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 annual plan for integrated coastal protection, as adopted 22 by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

## **DIGEST**

chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

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