

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 811

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

TRANSPORTATION: Creates the Comite River Diversion Canal Project Task Force

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 38:3306.1, relative to the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water
3 Conservation District; to create the Comite River Diversion Canal Project Task
4 Force; to provide for membership; to provide for duties; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 38:3306.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §3306.1. Comite River Diversion Canal Project Task Force

9 A. There is hereby created the Comite River Diversion Canal Project Task
10 Force composed of the following members:

11 (1) One member shall be the member of the House of Representatives
12 representing the district in which the Comite River diversion canal project is located
13 and who shall be the chairman of the task force.

14 (2) One member shall be the member of the Senate representing the district
15 in which the Comite River diversion canal project is located and who shall be the
16 vice-chairman of the task force.

17 (3) One member shall be appointed by the members of the Louisiana
18 congressional delegation representing the district in which the Comite River
19 diversion canal project is located.

1 (4) One member shall be the district engineer of the U.S. Army Corps of
2 Engineers, New Orleans District, or his designee.

3 (5) One member shall be appointed by the secretary of the Department of
4 Transportation and Development, or his designee.

5 (6) One member shall be the executive director of the Coastal Protection and
6 Restoration Authority, or his designee.

7 (7) One member shall be a former member of the board of commissioners
8 of the district appointed by the chairman of the task force.

9 (8) One member shall be a current member of the board of commissioners
10 of the district appointed by the chairman of the task force.

11 (9) One member shall be the director of public works of East Baton Rouge
12 Parish, or his designee.

13 (10) One member shall be the president of the Louisiana Homebuilder's
14 Association, or his designee.

15 B. The task force shall meet at the call of the chairman. The members of the
16 task force shall not be compensated for their services on the task force but may seek
17 travel reimbursements from their respective agencies. A majority of the membership
18 is necessary for a quorum. Meetings of the task force shall be subject to laws
19 regarding open meetings, R.S. 42:11 et seq., and records of the task force shall be
20 subject to laws regarding public records, R.S. 44:1 et seq.

21 C. The task force shall make recommendations to the board and the
22 appropriate state and federal agencies on actions necessary to complete the
23 construction and maintenance of the Comite River diversion canal project, including
24 strategies to comply with mitigation requirements and right of way acquisitions.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Comite River Diversion Canal Project Task Force.

Proposed law creates the Comite River Diversion Canal Project Task Force charged with making recommendations on actions necessary to complete the construction and maintenance of the Comite River diversion canal project, including strategies to comply with mitigation requirements and right of way acquisitions.

Proposed law provides that the task force members shall serve without compensation, except they may receive expenses as members of their constituent organizations. The membership shall be composed of the following:

- (1) One member shall be the member of the House of Representatives representing the district in which the Comite River diversion canal project is located and who shall be the chairman of the task force.
- (2) One member shall be the member of the Senate representing the district in which the Comite River diversion canal project is located and who shall be the vice-chairman of the task force.
- (3) One member shall be appointed by the members of the Louisiana congressional delegation representing the district in which the Comite River diversion canal project is located.
- (4) One member shall be the district engineer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, or his designee.
- (5) One member shall be appointed by the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or his designee.
- (6) One member shall be the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, or his designee.
- (7) One member shall be a former member of the board of commissioners of the district appointed by the chairman of the task force.
- (8) One member shall be a current member of the board of commissioners of the district appointed by the chairman of the task force.
- (9) One member shall be the director of public works of East Baton Rouge Parish, or his designee.
- (10) One member shall be the president of the Louisiana Homebuilder's Association, or his designee.

Proposed law provides that the task force shall meet at the call of the chairman and that task force shall be subject to the present law regarding open meetings and public records.

(Adds R.S. 38:3306.1)