

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

**HB 363**

**2015 Regular Session**

**Barras**

LEVEES/BDS & DISTRICTS: Creates the Squirrel Run Levee and Drainage District in Iberia Parish

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Make technical changes.
2. Clarify that a vacancy on the board is filled when the New Iberia City Council nominates a person and is appointed by the mayor of the city of New Iberia.
3. Clarify language relative to the levee district having authority to enter into contracts or agreements to accomplish the purpose of the district and acquiring, operating, and maintaining servitudes and works relating to hurricane protection and flood control.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law creates and provides for the boundary of the Squirrel Run Levee and Drainage District in the city of New Iberia.

Proposed law establishes a five-member board of commissioners consisting of residents of the district who are nominated by the New Iberia City Council and appointed by the mayor. Provides for vacancies on the board to be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

Proposed law requires commissioners of the initial board to determine by lot their terms of office at the first meeting, which shall commence immediately upon appointment and expire respectively as follows: two members in four years, two members in three years, and one member in two years.

Proposed law provides that all commissioners appointed after the initial appointments, shall be appointed in accordance with proposed law for staggered terms of four years, which shall expire on July 1st of the fourth year, or until the successor is appointed and takes office. Further provides that no member shall serve more than three consecutive four-year terms.

Proposed law provides that if a commissioner is appointed to fill more than one-half of an unexpired term, that person shall be eligible to serve no more than two additional consecutive terms.

Proposed law requires the board to establish the official domicile of the board.

Proposed law confirms the constitutional taxing authority of levee districts created after Jan. 1, 2006, to levy a tax approved by a majority vote of the electors.

Proposed law authorizes the board to enter into contracts and agreements to accomplish the purpose of the district and acquiring, operating, and maintaining servitudes and works necessary for drainage as it relates to hurricane protection and flood control.

(Amends R.S. 38:291(BB)(1); Adds R.S. 38:291(CC))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the name of the proposed levee and drainage district from West End to Squirrel Run.
2. Delete the requirement that the proposed levee and drainage district include lands designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a special flood hazard area on March 1, 2015.