

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 363

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(BB)(1) and to enact R.S. 38:291(CC), relative to the
3 Squirrel Run Levee and Drainage District; to create the Squirrel Run Levee and
4 Drainage District; to provide for boundaries; to provide for the board of
5 commissioners; to provide for membership of the board; to provide for taxation
6 authority; to provide for duties and powers of the board; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
9 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
10 Louisiana.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 38:291(BB)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
13 38:291(CC) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §291. Naming; limits of districts; composition of boards

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16 BB. Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District. (1) All of
17 the lands in the parish of Iberia except that portion of Iberia Parish that is included
18 in the territorial boundaries of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District and the Squirrel
19 Run Levee and Drainage District, shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district
20 to be known as the Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District. These
21 lands and all property thereon situated shall be subject to the provisions of this
22 Chapter.

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24 CC. Squirrel Run Levee and Drainage District. (1) All of the lands within
25 a portion of the city of New Iberia and within the following described area: a certain
26 lot or parcel of ground containing 360 acres, more or less, located in Sections 16, 56,

1 and Patent No. 9818, Township 11 South, Range 6 East; and Sections 10, 11, and
2 Patent No. 9818, Township 12 South, Range 6 East, Southwest Land District,
3 situated in Iberia Parish, Louisiana; said lot or parcel of ground being bounded on
4 the North by S.R. Golf, Inc. or assigns, Gordon Patout, or assigns, and Roy Patout
5 or assigns; on the West by Dewey Landry, et al. or assigns, and the state of
6 Louisiana; on the East by Perry J. Segura and Emma Lou Davant Segura, or assigns,
7 and on the South by Darby Lane, shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district
8 to be known as the Squirrel Run Levee and Drainage District. These lands and all
9 property thereon situated shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

10 (2) The mayor of the city of New Iberia shall appoint a board of
11 commissioners consisting of five persons who reside in that portion of the city of
12 New Iberia located within the levee district, who meet the requirements of R.S.
13 38:304(A), and who are nominated by the New Iberia City Council.

14 (3) A vacancy on the board created by reason of death, resignation,
15 expiration of term, or any other cause shall be filled in the same manner as provided
16 in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

17 (4)(a) The members of the board initially appointed shall at their first
18 meeting determine by lot their terms of office, which terms shall commence
19 immediately upon their appointment, and which shall expire, respectively, as
20 follows: two members in four years, two members in three years, and one member
21 in two years, from the first day of July immediately succeeding such appointment.

22 (b) All commissioners thereafter appointed, except a commissioner
23 appointed to fill an unexpired term, shall be appointed as provided in Paragraph (2)
24 of this Subsection for staggered terms of four years, which shall expire on July first
25 of the fourth year of the term to which he is appointed, or until his successor is
26 appointed and takes office.

27 (c) No member shall serve more than three consecutive four-year terms;
28 however, if a person has been appointed to fill more than one-half of an unexpired
29 term, such person shall be eligible to serve consecutively no more than two terms in
30 addition to such partial term.

1 (5) The official domicile of the board of the district shall be established by
2 the board.

3 (6) No member of the board shall receive compensation for serving as a
4 member of the board.

5 (7) The district shall have such taxing authority as authorized by Article VI,
6 Section 39 of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable provisions of law.
7 In addition to any other powers and duties provided by law, the board may enter into
8 contracts or other agreements, including cooperative endeavor agreements, with any
9 public or private person, corporation, association, or other entity, including the Iberia
10 Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District, to accomplish or further the
11 purposes of the district, and for the purpose of acquiring, operating, and maintaining
12 servitudes and works necessary for drainage as it relates to hurricane protection and
13 flood control.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____