

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by the Senate

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HB No. 852

Present constitution creates the Interim Emergency Board and provides for its membership and authority. Provides that the board may appropriate from its fund monies to meet an emergency if such appropriation is approved by 2/3 vote of the legislature.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and adds authority for the board to appropriate to avert an impending flood emergency. Defines impending flood emergency as an anticipated situation which endangers an existing flood protection structure. For a situation to qualify for receipt of such appropriations it must be determined to be an emergency by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the U.S. Coast Guard. Limits appropriations for such purposes to \$250,000 per occurrence, and caps total funding for such emergencies at 25% of funds available annually to the board.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the congressional primary election in 1998.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §7(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

1. Limits authorization to avert impending flood emergency and defines term.
2. Adds requirement that the impending flood emergency be determined to be an emergency by either the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the U.S. Coast Guard.
3. Imposes limits on appropriations for such purposes at \$250,000 per occurrence, and in the aggregate 25% of the IEB's annual available funding.