

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 625

BY REPRESENTATIVE SAM JONES

LEVEES/ST. MARY: Revises provisions relative to the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District and the St. Mary Parish Levee District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(A)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S.
3 38:291(A)(2)(h), relative to levee districts; to provide for St. Mary Parish and the
4 Atchafalaya Basin Levee District; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 38:291(A)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended
10 and reenacted and R.S. 38:291(A)(2)(h) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

12 A. Atchafalaya Basin Levee District. (1) On July 1, 1997, and continuing
13 thereafter, the parishes and parts of parishes, ~~except St. Mary Parish~~, south of Old
14 River, and between the Mississippi River and Lafourche Bayou on the east, and a
15 line drawn along the north boundary of St. Martin Parish from the Atchafalaya River
16 on the east to Bayou Teche on the west, thence down Bayou Teche to the
17 Atchafalaya River, and thence down the Atchafalaya River to its mouth, and also
18 excepting all the property within the ~~parish~~ parishes of Lafourche and Terrebonne
19 and within the present corporate limits of the ~~municipality of~~ municipalities of
20 Franklin and New Iberia, namely: the parishes of Pointe Coupee, West Baton

1 Rouge, and parts of the parishes of Iberville, Ascension, Assumption, St. Martin, ~~and~~
 2 Iberia, St. Mary, excepting what is known as Tiger Island on which the city of
 3 Morgan City is situated, with the additional following territory: a strip of land in St.
 4 Landry Parish lying between Bayou Courtableau on the northeast, and the
 5 Atchafalaya River on the east, the parish line of St. Martin on the south, and Bayou
 6 Teche on the west, shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as
 7 the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated,
 8 not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

9 (2) In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304 the governor shall
 10 appoint ~~thirteen~~ fourteen persons to serve as levee commissioners as follows:

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12 (h) One member appointed from St. Mary Parish.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Revises taxing authority in St. Mary Parish as it relates to the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District.

Present law provides for the territorial jurisdiction of the Atchafalya Basin Levee District and provides for 13 members of the board of commissioners.

Proposed law adds the parish of St. Mary to present law and increases the membership of the board to 14. Further authorizes the imposition and collection of taxes in St. Mary Parish.

(Amends R.S. 38:291(A)(1) and (2)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 38:291(A)(2)(h))