

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 500 by Representative Baldone

LEVEES/TERREBONNE: Repeals the requirement of a distribution of a certain amount of millage revenues to the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Clarifies that the mineral rights are also to be transferred back to the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District.
2. Repeals provisions that provided for the distribution of ad valorem taxes until the governor appointed the 9 members of the board of commissioners in the year 2000.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District shall not be exempt from taxation.

Proposed law retains present law but stipulates that all land, including mineral rights, in the possession of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District in Terrebonne Parish for the purposes of ownership and maintenance and operation of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District be transferred to the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District.

Present law requires the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District to remit to the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District 10% of the ad valorem taxes collected in the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District. Present law also provides that after the distribution of funds to the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District by the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District, the net proceeds of the ad valorem taxes collected shall be distributed as follows until the nine members of the board of commissioners of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District are appointed by the governor in the year 2000:

- (1) Seventy-five percent to be dedicated to that portion of Terrebonne Parish located south of the Intracoastal Waterway and encompassed by the South Terrebonne Parish Tidewater Management and Conservation District.
- (2) Twenty-five percent to be dedicated to that portion of Terrebonne Parish located north of the Intracoastal Waterway and encompassed by the North Terrebonne Parish Drainage and Conservation District.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 38:291(U)(1); Repeals R.S. 38:329(H) and (J))