
DIGEST

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HB No. 185

Abstract: Restores the requirement that the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee conduct public hearings in each highway district and removes membership of the committee to not include legislators in districts where public hearings are conducted.

Present law provides that prior to the convening of each regular session, DOTD shall hold public hearings in each highway district for the purpose of reviewing priorities for the coming fiscal year. Requires a report based on the testimony received at the hearings to be sent to the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee.

Present law also provides that the committee is composed of the entire membership of the House and Senate transportation committees and shall include legislators representing the parishes within the respective highway district for the purposes of attending the public hearings in each district.

Proposed law provides instead that DOTD shall provide the priority list to the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee, which shall hold public hearings. Requires the report to be sent to DOTD. Proposed law removes provisions providing that the committee shall include legislators representing the parishes within the respective highway district for the purposes of attending the public hearings in each district.

(Amends R.S. 48:231(A) and B(1))