

SENATE BILL NO. 49

BY SENATOR LONG

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2324(B) and 2330.2(B) and R.S. 44:23.1(A), relative to the  
3 Sabine River Authority; to establish the Sabine River Authority as a nonbudget unit  
4 of the state; to provide with regard to certain records of the Sabine River Authority;  
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 38:2324(B) and 2330.2(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
8 as follows:

9 §2324. Status; suits; process; exemption from taxation

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11 **B. (1) The authority shall operate from self-generated revenues and shall**  
12 **not be a budget unit of the state. The authority may, however, receive state**  
13 **appropriations at any time it is deemed advisable by the legislature, and only**  
14 **the expenditure of such appropriated funds shall be subject to budgetary**  
15 **controls or authority of the division of administration. The authority shall**  
16 **establish its own operating budget for the use of its self-generated revenues or**  
17 **unencumbered fund balances subject to majority approval of the board of**  
18 **commissioners of the authority. Any budget adopted shall be effective for a**  
19 **fiscal year commensurate with that of the state. The budget shall be submitted**  
20 **to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget for review and approval.**

21 **(2) The authority** ~~It~~ shall not have the power to levy taxes but it may assess  
22 and collect charges, fees, and rentals for the use of its lands or water bottoms and for  
23 the construction, installation, maintenance, and operation on such lands or water  
24 bottoms, or on the surface of any lake or reservoir owned by it or in which it has an  
25 interest, any wharf, dock, boathouse, pier, marine, shop, store, gasoline dispenser,  
26 or other commercial establishment. It shall have and possess the authority to sue and  
27 be sued. All legal process shall be served upon the chairman of the board of

1 commissioners.

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3 §2330.2. Sabine River Compact Administration; per diem expenses for Louisiana  
4 members

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6 B. The members of the Sabine River Compact Administration appointed by  
7 the governor to represent the state as provided by Article VII of the Sabine River  
8 Compact contained in R.S. 38:2329 shall be entitled to receive a per diem allowance  
9 of fifty dollars for each day of a meeting of the administration or any of its  
10 committees actually attended by such member, to be paid out of the funds available  
11 for the purpose by the ~~Department of Transportation and Development~~ **Sabine River**  
12 **Authority**, on ~~their~~ **its** own warrant. This per diem allowance shall also include any  
13 additional days of travel reasonably required to attend the meetings. In addition, such  
14 members of the administration shall be entitled to be reimbursed for expenses  
15 actually incurred in attending meetings of the administration or its committees, or in  
16 the transaction of any business of the administration, when such business has been  
17 authorized by the ~~Department of Transportation and Development~~ **Sabine River**  
18 **Authority**.

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20 Section 2. R.S. 44:23.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

21 §23.1. Department of Transportation and Development; **Sabine River Authority**;  
22 exception for certain sensitive security information or critical  
23 infrastructure information

24 A. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection B of this Section, nothing in  
25 this Chapter shall be construed to require disclosure of records of the Department of  
26 Transportation and Development, ~~including without limitation~~ **or** the Sabine River  
27 Authority, state of Louisiana, containing sensitive security information or critical  
28 infrastructure information.

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30 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

1 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
2 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
3 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
4 effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_