

Prior law provided that the Sabine River Authority is an agency and instrumentality of the state and is a corporation and body politic and corporate, with power of perpetual succession, invested with all powers, privileges, rights, and immunities conferred by prior law upon other corporations of like character including, but not limited to, port authorities, port commissions, and port, harbor, and terminal districts within the state.

New law retains prior law.

Prior law provided that the Sabine River Authority is placed within the DOTD and is to perform and exercise its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities in the manner provided for agencies transferred in accordance with the provisions of prior law.

New law retains prior law.

Prior law further provided that the agencies transferred to DOTD as provided in prior law, including the Sabine River Authority, are to exercise the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities as provided by prior law and are to administer and implement the programs authorized by prior law independently of the secretary, the undersecretary, and any assistant secretary of DOTD.

New law retains prior law.

New law further establishes the Sabine River Authority as a non-budget unit of the state.

New law provides that the authority shall operate from self-generated revenues, but may receive state appropriations at any time it is deemed advisable by the legislature, and only the expenditure of such appropriated funds is subject to budgetary controls or authority of the division of administration.

New law further provides that by a majority vote the board of commissioners of the authority must establish an operating budget for the use of the authority's self-generated revenues or unencumbered fund balances effective for fiscal years commensurate with that of the state.

New law requires the authority to submit their budget for review and approval to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

New law further provide that members of the Sabine River Compact Administration appointed by the governor to represent the state as provided in the Sabine River Compact are entitled to receive a per diem allowance of \$50 for each day of a meeting of the administration or any of its committees actually attended by such member, which is to be paid out of funds available for that purpose by DOTD.

Prior law further provided that members of the Sabine River Compact Administration are entitled to be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred in attending meetings of the administration or its committees, or in the transaction of any business of the administration, when such business has been authorized by DOTD.

New law provides that the payment of the per diem allowance and actual expenses provided for by present law are to be paid by the Sabine River Authority out of funds available for that purpose.

New law further provides that members of the Sabine River Compact Administration are entitled to be reimbursed for business expenses provided for by prior law when such business has been authorized by the authority.

New law otherwise retains prior law.

Prior law provided that nothing in present law is to be construed to require disclosure of records of DOTD, including without limitation the Sabine River Authority, containing sensitive security information or critical infrastructure information.

New law distinguishes between DOTD and the Sabine River Authority relative to prior law.

New law otherwise retains prior law.

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(Amends R.S. 38:2324(B) and 2330.2(B) and R.S. 44:23.1(A))