

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 373

2016 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

LOCAL AGENCIES. Provides for the Washington Parish Reservoir District.
(8/1/16)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Removes provisions repealing the Washington Parish Reservoir District in the Dept. of Transportation and Development.
2. Requires the governor to appoint replacements for each vacancy on the board of commissioner of the district in the same manner that the original appointment.
3. Prohibits the board of commissioners from expropriating by eminent domain additional immovable property.
4. Clarifies requirement that all contracts of the district must be let pursuant to provisions governing public works.
5. Requires that board meetings conducted pursuant to the open meetings law.
6. Adds requirement that notice of all board be posted on the Washington Parish website no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

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Present law provides that the Washington Parish Reservoir District be governed and controlled by an eleven member board of commissioners (board), all of whom are to be qualified electors of the state of Louisiana and residents of Washington Parish. Requires that board members be appointed by the governor subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law retains these provisions and requires that the governor appoint replacements for each board vacancy in the same manner that the original board members were appointed as soon as possible.

Present law provides for the powers, duties, and functions of the board of commissioners.

Present law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to advise the board with respect to the improvements and maintenance of the district, and assist the district to make such surveys, inspections, and investigations, render reports, estimates, and recommendations, and furnish plans and specifications as may be requested by the board.

Present law permits the district to issue certificates of indebtedness, maturing within one year from date of issuance, to evidence money borrowed in anticipation of current revenues for the administration, operation, construction, and maintenance costs and expenses of the district and requires the certificates be payable in principal and interest from any available income, revenues, fees, or taxes pledged to their payment by the district.

Proposed law retains these provisions but prohibits the board from having authority to expropriate by eminent domain any additional immovable property.

Proposed law retains requirement that all contracts of the district be let by the board in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 10 of Title 38 regarding public works contracts.

Proposed law requires all board meetings be conducted pursuant to the open meetings law.

Proposed law requires notice of all meetings of the board be posted on the website maintained by the parish governing authority of Washington Parish no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 38:3087.194(A) and 3087.201; Adds R.S. 38:3087.197(D) and 3087.206)

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