2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 558

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

DISTRICTS/DRAINAGE: Provides relative to the Statewide Flood Control Program

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 38:90.2(A), relative to the Floodplain Evaluation and

3   Management Commission; to provide relative to the membership of the commission;

4   and to provide for related matters.

5   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6   Section 1. R.S. 38:90.2(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7   §90.2. Revision of flood information database by the Floodplain Evaluation and

8   Management Commission

9   A. Provided that sufficient funds are specifically appropriated to the office,

10   no later than March 1, 2022, and at least once every five years thereafter, the

11   Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission, consisting of the Department

12   of Transportation and Development, the Coastal Protection and Restoration

13   Authority, the office of community development, the Governor's Office of Homeland

14   Security and Emergency Preparedness, the Department of Environmental Quality,

15   a member of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, a member from the

16   House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, a member from

17   the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, and the

18   secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee shall review

19   and revise the statewide flood information database. The secretary of the

20   Department of Transportation and Development or his designee shall serve as

1   chairman of the commission. The database will be developed for the purpose of the

2   systematic evaluation of drainage and flooding problems in the state.   The

3   commission shall review the development proposals in each area to ensure that no

4   development in one parish or municipality will have a negative or detrimental effect

5   in any other parish or municipality. In addition, the commission shall ensure that

6   maintenance in any basin area across parish or municipal boundaries, including the

7   clearing and de-snagging of the Amite and Comite Rivers, are performed according

8   to any contractual obligations and state law.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the membership of the Floodplain Evaluation and Management
       Commission.

Present law provides that the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission consist
of the following members: the Dept. of Transportation and Development, the Coastal
Protection and Restoration Authority, the office of community development, the Governor's
Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the Dept. of Environmental
Quality, a member from the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public
Works, a member from the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public
Works, and the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee.

Proposed law modifies present law by adding a member from the Association of Levee
Boards of Louisiana to the commission.

(Amends R.S. 38:90.2(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

       The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation,
              Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

       1.   Make technical changes.

       2.   Remove language renaming the Floodplain Evaluation and Management
              Commission as the La. Watershed Commission.

       3.   Add a member from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana to the
              Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission.