

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 493

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER

FLOODING/CONTROL: Prohibits expropriation by the board of commissioners of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District in East Feliciana and St. Helena Parishes

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3306(F), relative to expropriation authority of the Amite  
3 River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District board of commissioners; to  
4 prohibit expropriation by the board within the parishes of East Feliciana and St.  
5 Helena; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 38:3306(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §3306. General powers and duties of the board

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13 F. The board may expropriate property subject to and in accordance with  
14 ~~R.S. 48:441-460~~ R.S. 48:441 through 460, where applicable; however, the board  
15 shall not expropriate property within the parishes of East Feliciana and St. Helena.

16 The owner of residential property or commercial property, including homes,  
17 businesses, barns, outbuildings and churches, shall be paid the replacement cost of  
18 any such property expropriated by the board.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the board of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District from expropriating property in East Feliciana and St. Helena Parishes.

Present law authorizes the board of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District to expropriate property and provides for compensation to the owners of property expropriated.

Proposed law limits the expropriation authority of the board by prohibiting any expropriation of property within the parishes of E. Feliciana and St. Helena.

(Amends R.S. 38:3306(F))