

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1240 (Substitute for House Bill No. 836 by Representative Hilferty)

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

LEVEES/BDS & DISTRICTS: Modifies the board of commissioners within the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(1)(a)(iv), relative to the composition of the board of
3 commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East; to
4 reconstitute the board of commissioners within the Southeast Louisiana Flood
5 Protection Authority-East; to provide for reconfirmation of the membership of the
6 board; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S.38:330.1(C)(1)(a)(iv) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §330.1. Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and Southeast
10 Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank; territorial jurisdiction;
11 board of commissioners; appointments; terms; compensation; vacancy;
12 officers; meetings; domicile

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14 C.(1) There is hereby created a board of commissioners for each flood
15 protection authority as follows:

16 (a) The board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection
17 Authority-East shall be composed of nine members, one member from St. Bernard
18 Parish, two members from Jefferson Parish, three members from Orleans Parish who

1 shall reside within the territorial jurisdiction of the authority, and three members who
2 do not reside within the territorial jurisdiction of the authority. The members shall
3 be appointed by the governor from nominations submitted by the nominating
4 committee as follows:

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6 (iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
7 composition and membership of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-
8 East shall be reconstituted and the members as of December 1, 2026 shall be subject
9 to reconfirmation by the Senate. The failure of the Senate to reconfirm a member
10 shall be considered an unexpected vacancy and the nominating committee shall
11 follow the procedure outlined in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection. The term of any
12 member not reconfirmed by the Senate shall expire immediately and the person shall
13 not be reappointed as a member for a period of two years. If the member is
14 reconfirmed the same term applicable to the original appointment shall apply. Any
15 successor appointed and confirmed pursuant to this Act shall complete the term
16 originally applicable to their predecessor.

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DIGEST

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HB 1240 Engrossed

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Abstract: Reconstitutes and reconfirms the board of commissioners membership within the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East.

Present law specifies that the board of commissioners of the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-East be composed of nine members, with specified members residing in certain parishes within the state. Requires the members be appointed by the governor from nominations submitted by the nominating committee under specific conditions. Specifies that within 10 days of an unexpected vacancy of the board, the board must notify the chair of the nominating committee. Requires notification by the chair be published in the official journal of the state and of each parish within the territorial jurisdiction of the authority no later than 30 days of notice of the unexpected vacancy. Requires the nominating committee meet to determine the notification to send to the governor for appointment to which the governor must appoint the nominees and submit the appointees to the Senate for confirmation.

Proposed law requires that, as of Dec. 1, 2026, the composition and membership of the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-East be reconstituted and reconfirmed by the Senate. Requires any member not confirmed be treated as an unexpected vacancy and the nominating committee follow the procedures outlined in present law to fill the vacancy. Specifies that any membership not reconfirmed expires immediately and not be reappointed for a period of two years. Requires that members reconfirmed possess the same term requirement as the original appointment and any successor complete the term applicable to their predecessor.

(Adds R.S.38:330.1(C)(1)(a)(iv))