

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 38:291) provides for the jurisdictional organization of the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District. New law retains existing law and changes the name of the levee district from the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District to the Lafitte Area Levee District.

Prior law (R.S. 38:291) provides for governance and appointments of the commissioners of the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District including Senate confirmation of commissioners and requirements for commissioners. New law provides the Lafitte Area Levee District will be governed by the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank and for four members to be appointed from a list of six nominations submitted by the legislative delegation representing the portion of Jefferson Parish the levee district is located in.

Prior law (R.S. 38:330.1) provides for the composition of the board of commissioners of the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-West Bank. New law provides for changes to the number of members of the authority from seven to nine, with one residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the Lafitte Area Levee District. New law further provides for a procedure for selecting the nominee from the town of Jean Lafitte.

Prior law (R.S. 38:330.1) provides for one member to be an engineer or a professional in a related field including geotechnical, hydrological, environmental or hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning with at least 10 years experience in the given area. New law changes from one member to three members to meet the qualifications.

Existing law (R.S. 38:330.3) provides for levee district and board reorganization, transfer of authority, and legal proceedings relative to certain levee districts. New law provides for legal proceedings taking place after the effective date of the law will be continued in the new name of the entities.

Existing law (R.S. 38:330.5) authorizes the flood authorities to employ certain employees to carry out various functions of the authorities. New law retains existing law and authorizes the Southeast Louisiana Flood Authority-East board to employ a compliance officer and provides for certain credentials and experience. New law further provides that the position shall be in the classified service of the state.

New law provides that the compliance officer shall possess the following credentials and experience:

- (1) A bachelor's degree in accounting, auditing, business, finance, legal studies, or related fields.
- (2) A minimum of two years of industry specific experience.
- (3) A Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional credential.

Existing law (R.S. 38:330.7) authorizes the Southeast Louisiana Flood Authority-East to employ a superintendent of police to supervise the police security personnel. New law retains existing law relative to constituent levee districts pursuant to (R.S. 38:330.1(B)(1)(a)) and requires that the superintendent of police serve as the chief law enforcement officer of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and provides for certain responsibilities including the execution, direction, and supervision of law enforcement operations within the territorial jurisdiction of the flood authority.

New law requires the authority of the superintendent of police to be limited exclusively to matters directly related to law enforcement operations, including the prevention, detection, and investigation of crime and the enforcement of applicable criminal and motor vehicle traffic laws and ordinances.

New law prohibits the superintendent of police from exercising any authority over any administrative, fiscal, personnel, procurement, policy-making, or other non-law enforcement functions of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East or its constituent levee districts.

New law provides that nothing in new law shall be construed to grant the superintendent of police authority beyond operational law enforcement responsibilities, nor to diminish the authority of any other official or entity lawfully responsible for administrative governance.

Existing law (R.S. 38:330.10) provides for carrying out the organizational duties of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Authority-West Bank. New law retains existing law and provides for carrying out the obligations and business of the Lafitte Area Levee District.

New law directs the La. State Law Institute to change statutory references as necessary.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 38:291(Y), 330.1(B)(2)(a), 330.1(C)(1)(b)(intro para), 330.1(C)(1)(b)(iii), 330.3(A), (B)(1), and (C)(1), and 330.10(A); adds R.S. 38:330.1(C)(1)(b)(iv), 330.5(C) and 330.7(D))