2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 605

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) and 90.4(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 38:90.2(C), relative
3	to the Statewide Flood Control Program; to provide for penalties for failing to
4	perform required actions; to require the submission of an application by any duly
5	authorized municipal, parish, or other governing authority after; and to provide for
6	related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 38:90.2(A) and 90.4(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and
9	R.S. 38:90.2(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§90.2. Revision of flood information data base database
11	A. At least once in every four three years, beginning with fiscal year 1982-83
12	2017-2018, the Louisiana Geological Survey shall review and revise the statewide
13	flood information data base. The data base will be developed for the purpose of the
14	systematic evaluation of drainage and flooding problems in the state.
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16	C. If the Louisiana Geological Survey fails to perform their review and
17	revision of the statewide flood information database as required in Subsection A of
18	this Section, they shall be required to report to the House and Senate Committees on
19	Transportation, Highways and Public Works prior to the beginning of the regular
20	legislative session to inform the committees of the specific reason for such failure.

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1	At the close of the meeting, the committee shall determine whether to request the
2	appropriate governing authority to withhold a certain amount of the survey's
3	appropriations until the review and revision of the statewide flood information
4	database has been completed.

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- 6 §90.4. Methodology for flood-control project evaluation 7 A.(1) Applications for funding of any flood-control projects under the 8 Statewide Flood Control Program may be submitted by any duly authorized 9 municipal, parish, or other governing authority. Applications shall be made to the 10 office of engineering by October first of each year, for consideration of funding in 11 the following fiscal year. In the event that a disaster declaration has been issued by 12 the governor for a municipality or parish, the governing authority of the municipality or parish shall submit an application to the office of engineering by October first of 13 14 the year following the declaration. Applications submitted in accordance with the 15 provisions of this Chapter shall not be subject to the provisions of R.S. 39:101. 16 Sponsoring authorities with a population of fifty thousand persons or more shall be 17 responsible for the preparation of applications for their respective projects. For 18 sponsoring authorities with a population of less than fifty thousand persons, the 19 office shall prepare the applications for the projects, or the sponsoring authority may 20 prepare its application in the event the office cannot accomplish required engineering services in a timely manner. Information to be provided in the application shall 21 22 include but not be limited to the following:
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Louisiana Geological Survey to review and revise the statewide flood information database at least once every three years. Requires the governing authority of a municipality or parish to submit an application to the office of

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engineering if a disaster declaration has been issued by the governor for that municipality or parish.

<u>Present law</u> requires the La. Geological Survey to review and revise the statewide flood information data base at least once very four years.

<u>Proposed law</u> modifies present law by changing the time frame from once every four years to once every three years.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that if the La. Geological Survey does not review and revise the statewide flood information database as required in <u>present law</u>, they must provide a reason to the House and Senate committees on Transportation explaining the failure. <u>Proposed law</u> allows the committee to request the governing authority of the La. Geological Survey withhold appropriations to the survey until the review and revisions are complete.

<u>Present law</u> provides that any duly authorized municipal, parish, or other governing authority may submit an application for funding of any flood-control projects under the Statewide Flood Control Plan to the office of engineering by October 1st of each year.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that if a disaster declaration has been issued by the governor for a municipality or parish, the governing authority of that municipality or parish must submit an application as provided for in <u>present law</u> by October 1st of the year following the declaration.

(Amends R.S. 38:90.2(A) and 90.4(A)(1); Adds R.S. 38:90.2(C))