

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

8 WHEREAS, the council was charged with meeting to " . . . deliberate and produce  
9 a report that will identify, review, and evaluate management strategies to facilitate the goal  
10 of improving the aquatic habitat of False River; to provide recommendations for the optimal  
11 management and protection of the resources within the False River watershed, including but  
12 not limited to the following: the study of impacts and potential impacts to water quality,  
13 excess nutrient and sediment run-off management, shoreline modification management,  
14 watershed conservation measures, and innovative habitat restoration methodology;  
15 coordination of federal, state, and local efforts to improve and protect water quality; surface  
16 water resource management and protection policies; recommendations for the optimal  
17 management and protection of the natural resources in the False River watershed;  
18 identification of various funding options for ongoing maintenance of the False River  
19 watershed; recommended changes to current procedures and practices to make the  
20 management and protection of the natural resources in the False River watershed more  
21 efficient, comprehensive, and sustainable"; and

1 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 123 provides that the council shall  
2 cease to exist on January 11, 2016, ". . . unless it is extended by further action of the  
3 Louisiana Legislature. . ."; and

4 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 230 of the 2015 Regular Session of  
5 the Louisiana Legislature continued the council's existence until June 30, 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 36 of the 2016 Regular Session of  
7 the Louisiana Legislature continued the council's existence until June 30, 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, the participants in the watershed council's efforts for ". . . improving the  
9 aquatic habitat of False River; to provide recommendations for the optimal management and  
10 protection of the resources within the False River watershed . . ." are united in their desire  
11 to continue those efforts through continued existence of the False River Watershed Council;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, to achieve the goal of a restored False River watershed as quickly and  
14 completely as possible, it continues to be necessary to bring together the various government  
15 interests, as well as nongovernmental stakeholder organizations who possess specialized  
16 knowledge or whose members represent resource users in the False River watershed.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
18 extend until January 13, 2020, the existence of the False River Watershed Council, whose  
19 membership shall be as follows:

20 (1) The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his  
21 designee within the department.

22 (2) The secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee  
23 within the department.

24 (3) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee within  
25 the department.

26 (4) The secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his designee within  
27 the department, who will serve as vice chair of the council.

28 (5) The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee  
29 within the department, who shall serve as chair of the council.

30 (6) The state senator from Senate District 17.

1           (7)     The state representative from House District 18.

2           (8)     Two members to be selected by the senator from Senate District 17.

3           (9)     Two members appointed by the representative from House District 18.

4           (10)    Two members appointed by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

5           (11)    The director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness – Pointe Coupee  
6 Parish.

7           (12)    One member appointed by the mayor of the city of New Roads.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall submit a report to the  
9 legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2018 Regular Session.

10          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the False River Watershed  
11 Council shall not be entitled to receive any salary, per diem, expenses, mileage, or other  
12 emoluments of the office for their service on this commission, outside of any that they may  
13 be entitled to by virtue of their service in another public office.

14          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall, at the proper time, contact the  
15 following federal resource agencies to solicit their views and input with respect to  
16 completing the study requested by this Resolution:

17          (1)     United States Army Corps of Engineers.

18          (2)     United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

19          (3)     United States Geological Survey.

20          (4)     National Resources Conservation Service.

21          (5)     United States Department of Agriculture.

22          (6)     National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

23          (7)     United States Environmental Protection Agency.

24          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
25 Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, the commissioner of agriculture, the secretary of the  
26 Department of Environmental Quality, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health,  
27 the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, and the secretary of the Department  
28 of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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DIGEST

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Extends the existence of the False River Watershed Council until January 13, 2020; changes one member of the council from the Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office to the director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness - Pointe Coupee Parish; and requires the council to submit a report to the legislature no later than 30 days prior to the 2018 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original resolution:

1. Extend rather than re-establish the council.
2. Change the termination date of the council from June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2020.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed resolution:

1. Change the termination date of the council from June 30, 2020, to January 13, 2020.
2. Require the council to submit a report to the legislature no later than 30 days prior to the 2018 R.S.