2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 181

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

DISTRICTS/DRAINAGE: Provides for the membership of gravity drainage district boards of commissioners in Ascension Parish

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 38:1759(B) and 1764(C), relative to consolidated gravity
3	drainage districts in Ascension Parish; to provide relative to the boards of
4	commissioners of consolidated gravity drainage districts in the parish; to provide for
5	the powers of the districts and responsibilities of the parish; and to provide for
6	related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 38:1759(B) and 1764(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
9	as follows:
10	§1759. Appointment and terms of commissioners
11	* * *
12	B. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the
13	board of commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 2 and Gravity Drainage
14	District No. 5 of Livingston Parish shall consist of seven members, subject to all
15	other requirements of qualifications for office provided in Subsection A of this
16	Section.
17	(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the board
18	of commissioners of the East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District
19	No. 1 consists of the Ascension Parish council members whose council districts
20	include portions of the drainage district.

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1	(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the board		
2	of commissioners of the West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District		
3	No. 1 consists of three members as follows:		
4	(a) The member of the Ascension Parish council whose council district		
5	includes all or the larger part of the drainage district.		
6	(b) The mayor of Donaldsonville or his designee.		
7	(c) A member appointed by the Ascension Parish council for a four-year		
8	term.		
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10	§1764. Corporate status and powers of districts		
11	* * *		
12	C.(1) The drainage or sub-drainage district shall have the power and		
13	authority to plan, construct, maintain and operate such works of improvement as land		
14	treatments for watershed protection, flood prevention works, irrigation		
15	improvements, recreation, municipal and industrial water storage, and fish and		
16	wildlife developments. The drainage or sub-drainage district shall have the power		
17	and authority to cooperate with and enter into cooperative agreements and		
18	arrangements with agencies of the United States of America on a matching fund or		
19	any other basis for planning and constructing such works of improvement or other		
20	works, facilities or programs authorized and contemplated by the National		
21	Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, 16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.		
22	(2) All services furnished and work undertaken by East Ascension		
23	Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 or West Ascension Consolidated		
24	Gravity Drainage District No. 1 shall be administered by the Ascension Parish		
25	president and executed through the parish's regularly constituted departments and		
26	agencies.		
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the membership of the boards of commissioners of consolidated gravity drainage districts in Ascension Parish.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 38:1751(A)) authorizes the governing authority of a parish to create gravity drainage districts from lands which drain by gravity.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 38:1759(A)) requires the governing authority organizing a gravity drainage district to appoint five commissioners for each district.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides an exception for the boards of commissioners of gravity drainage districts in Ascension Parish.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the board of commissioners of East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 consists of the Ascension Parish council members whose districts include portions of the gravity drainage district.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the board of commissioners of West Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 consists of the following three members:

- (1) The member of the Ascension Parish council whose council district includes all or the larger part of the drainage district.
- (2) The mayor of Donaldsonville or his designee.
- (3) A member appointed by the Ascension Parish council.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Ascension Parish president to administer all services and work furnished by the gravity drainage districts in the parish using the parish's departments and agencies.

(Amends R.S. 38:1759(B) and 1764(C))