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DIGEST

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Present law provides for the jurisdictional organization of the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District. Proposed law retains present law and changes the name of the levee district from the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District to the Lafitte Area Levee District.

Present law provides for governance and appointments of the commissioners of the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District including Senate confirmation of commissioners and requirements for commissioners. Proposed law provides the Lafitte Area Levee District will be governed by the board of commissioners of the West Bank Levee Authority 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.

Present law provides for the composition of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank. Proposed law retains present law and changes the name of the Authority from Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank to the West Bank Levee Authority. Proposed 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.

Present law 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. Proposed law retains present law and provides for three members to possess the qualifications.

Proposed law provides for legal proceedings taking place after the effective date of the law will be continued in the new name of the entities.

Present law further provides for carrying out the organizational duties of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Authority-West Bank. Proposed law provides for carrying out the organizational duties of the West Bank Levee Authority and includes obligations and business of the Lafitte Area Levee District.

Proposed law directs the Law Institute to change statutory references as necessary.

Proposed law provides for technical matters.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 38:291(Y) and 330.1(A)(1), (B)(2)(a), 330.1(C)(1)(b)(intro para), 330.1(C)(1)(b)(iii),

(C)(2)(b), and (L)(2)(a), 330.3(A), (B)(1) and (C)(1), and 330.10)