

## SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 56

2026 Regular Session

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## KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

LEVEES. Provides for the reorganization of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank and the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District. (8/1/26)

## SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Make technical changes.
2. Provide that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East may hire a compliance officer provided the officer possess certain credentials and experience. Require the position to be in the classified service of the state.
3. Provide 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 and limitations.
4. Prohibit 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.
5. Restrict authority of the superintendent of police to operational law enforcement responsibilities and maintain the authority of any other official or entity lawfully responsible for administrative governance.
6. Add certain requirements for nominees to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West board of commissioners from the town of Jean Lafitte. Provide procedure for selecting the nominee.

## DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

## DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 38:291) 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 (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. Proposed 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.

Present law (R.S. 38:330.1) provides for the composition of the board of commissioners of the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-West Bank. 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. Proposed law further provides for a procedure for selecting the nominee from the town of Jean Lafitte.

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

Present law (R.S. 38:330.3) provides for levee district and board reorganization, transfer of authority, and legal proceedings relative to certain levee districts.

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 (R.S. 38:330.5) authorizes the flood authorities to employ certain employees to carry out various functions of the authorities.

Proposed law authorizes the Southeast Louisiana Flood Authority-East board to employ a compliance officer and provides for certain credentials and experience. Further provides that the position shall be in the classified service of the state.

Proposed 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.

Present 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.

Proposed law retains present 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.

Proposed 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.

Proposed 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.

Proposed law provides that nothing in proposed 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.

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

Proposed 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))