

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
House Bill No. 701 By Representative Garofalo

June 4, 2012

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 701 by Representative Garofalo, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of three amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and adopted by the Senate on 21 May 2012 be adopted.
2. That the set of two Senate Floor Amendments proposed by Senator Morrell and adopted by the Senate on 1 June 2012 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Karen Gaudet St. Germain

Senator Jean-Paul J. Morrell

Representative Nick Lorusso

Senator Gary L. Smith, Jr.

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

LEVEES: Provides relative to employment and deployment of police from the levee districts within the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority - East

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Remove the requirement that the superintendent serve under the operation and direction of the superintendent of state police.
2. Remove authorization that funds for salary, benefits, and expenses of the superintendent may be assessed on an equal basis among the three existing levee districts.
3. Require that the superintendent must be POST certified and may not receive state supplemental pay.
4. Limits superintendent's salary to that of the State Police superintendent.
5. Provides that the SELFPA-East deployment may occur only if it does not create public safety concerns in the other levee districts.
6. Provides that if full compensation for a deployment is not received from a particular levee district, that delinquent district shall not be eligible for future deployments until all past payments are made.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law, relative to the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority - East (SELFPA-East), prohibits the employment of police security personnel. Authorizes cooperative agreements with other law enforcement forces for security within the territorial jurisdiction of the authority.

Proposed law authorizes the employment of a POST-certified police security superintendent to supervise the police personnel of all the levee districts within the territorial jurisdiction of the authority. Provides that the superintendent has powers of a police officer throughout the jurisdiction of the authority. Authorizes SELFPA-East to assess each levee district within the SELFPA-East territorial jurisdiction for the salary, benefits, and expenses of the superintendent.

Proposed law authorizes the deployment of police security personnel from one levee district within the territorial jurisdiction of the authority to another levee district with the jurisdiction of the authority provided that such deployment does not create a public safety concern in the other districts and that the levee district supplying the personnel is fully compensated. Provides that if full compensation for a deployment is not received from a particular levee district, that delinquent district shall not be eligible for future deployments until all past payments are made.

(Amends R.S. 38:330.7)