

1 to protect property from further damage difficult if not impossible; and

2 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2013, Secretary Shaun Donovan of the United States
3 Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the allocation of nearly one
4 hundred seven million dollars to the state of Louisiana to help local communities to recover
5 from the losses sustained as a result of Hurricane Isaac, of which sixteen million four
6 hundred fifty-three thousand dollars is allocated to Jefferson Parish, fifteen million thirty-
7 one thousand dollars is allocated to Orleans Parish, eight million eight hundred ninety-six
8 thousand dollars is allocated to St. Tammany Parish, and sixty-six million, three hundred
9 ninety-eight thousand dollars is allocated to the state; and

10 WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the allocation and distribution of that
11 portion of the grant allocated to the state in such a way that the most impacted and distressed
12 parishes receive the greater portion of the funds available, using the best available data from
13 the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal sources to determine the total
14 dollar amount of housing, economic revitalization, and infrastructure needs; and

15 WHEREAS, the portion of the grant allocated to the state should be distributed such
16 that those parishes of the state that are the most impacted and distressed as a result of
17 Hurricane Isaac receive at least eighty percent of the nearly one hundred seven million
18 dollars provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for
19 recovery from Hurricane Isaac based on the calculated unmet needs of each of those
20 parishes.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 direct that the monies received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban
23 Development, by reason of the damage sustained by the state from Hurricane Isaac, from the
24 Community Development Block Grant Program to support long-term disaster recovery
25 efforts by the state of Louisiana, as grantee, in the amount of sixty-six million, three hundred
26 ninety-eight thousand dollars be allocated to and distributed such that at least eighty percent
27 of the total funds allocated to the state, nearly one hundred seven million dollars, be used in
28 the parishes of the state in the proportion of each of those parish's calculated unmet needs
29 resulting from Hurricane Isaac, excluding the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, and St.
30 Tammany, using the best available data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

1 and other federal sources to determine the total dollar amount of housing, economic
2 revitalization, and infrastructure needs.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for purposes of this Resolution, the terms
4 "parish" or "parishes" mean any parish which is in whole or in part in the area with respect
5 to which a disaster has been declared by the President of the United States under Section 401
6 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by reason of
7 Hurricane Isaac.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution shall be applied
9 in accordance with regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and
10 Urban Development.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 commissioner of administration.

The original instrument was prepared by Thomas F. Wade. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Martha Hess.

DIGEST

Directs the allocation of federal funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program received due to Hurricane Isaac be apportioned such that the parishes that are the most impacted and distressed as a result of the storm receive at least 80% of the nearly \$107,000,000 provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development based on the calculated unmet needs of such parishes, using the best available data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal sources to determine the total dollar amount of housing, economic revitalization, and infrastructure needs.

Further resolves that the provisions of the resolution shall be applied in accordance with regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Directs that the parishes that are the most impacted and distressed as a result of Hurricane Isaac receive at least 80% of the funds provided by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development based on the calculated unmet needs of such parishes.