

HOUSE BILL NO. 721 (Substitute for House Bill No. 31 by Representative Montoucet)

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONToucET

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:231(A), relative to the highway priority construction
3 program; to provide for the presentation of the proposed program of construction to
4 members of the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 48:231(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §231. Final construction program for current fiscal year; public hearings; Joint
8 Highway Priority Construction Committee; reports; review by legislature;
9 restrictions on legislature

10 A.(1) Beginning on October 1, 2010, and not later than October 1 first of
11 each year thereafter, the department shall provide a proposed program of
12 construction for the coming fiscal year to the Joint Highway Priority Construction
13 Committee.

14 (2) The committee shall hold public hearings in each highway district for the
15 purpose of reviewing priorities for the coming fiscal year.

16 (3) At each public hearing, the department shall provide each House of
17 Representatives and Senate member with a map indicating the following regarding
18 projects within their respective House or Senate district:

19 (a) All projects proposed for construction within their district for the coming
20 fiscal year.

21 (b) All completed projects within their district for the three previous fiscal
22 years.

(4) The department shall make the maps required to be provided to members of the legislature pursuant to Paragraph (3) of this Subsection available to any person upon request following the public hearings.

(5) A report based on the testimony received at ~~said~~ the hearings shall be sent to the department. The department ~~then shall~~ shall then create the final construction program for the coming fiscal year for submission to the legislature.

(6) When this final construction program is communicated to the legislature for funding for the coming fiscal year, any project which the legislature determines is not in the proper order of priority in accordance with the factors stated in R.S. 48:229 may be deleted by the legislature. However, the legislature shall not add any projects to this final construction program, nor shall the legislature make substitutions for projects which have been removed.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____