

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 327

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOVE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(T)(2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (i), (b), and (c) and  
3 (4) and to enact R.S. 38:291(T)(2)(d), relative to the membership of the North  
4 Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District; to provide relative to the  
5 number of board commissioners; to provide for lengths of terms for board members;  
6 to remove requirement that members of the board of commissioners be from certain  
7 areas; to provide for a definition of a quorum; to provide for an effective date; and  
8 to provide for related matters.

9 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
10 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
11 Louisiana.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 38:291(T)(2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (i), (b), and (c) and (4)  
14 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 38:291(T)(2)(d) is hereby enacted to read as  
15 follows:

16 §291. Naming; limits of districts; composition of boards

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18 T. North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District.

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20 (2)(a) The governor shall appoint, ~~beginning January 12, 2004 and until such~~  
21 ~~time as provided in Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this Paragraph~~, subject to Senate

1 confirmation, a board of commissioners ~~consisting of nine persons~~ from the parish  
 2 of Lafourche selected as follows:

3 (i) Each of the ~~six~~ state legislators representing any part of the district shall  
 4 submit nominations, and the governor shall appoint one member from each such list  
 5 of nominees.

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7 (b) The term of office of any commissioner appointed pursuant to  
 8 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall cease ~~in January 2008, or thereafter,~~ when  
 9 his successor is appointed and takes office. ~~Beginning in January 2008, and~~  
 10 ~~thereafter, the governor shall appoint a board of commissioners consisting of nine~~  
 11 ~~persons, subject to Senate confirmation. Such membership shall be comprised of no~~  
 12 ~~fewer than three members from the area within the district lying to the east of Bayou~~  
 13 ~~Lafourche, no fewer than three members from the area within the district lying to the~~  
 14 ~~west of Bayou Lafourche, and the remaining members from the district at-large, all~~  
 15 ~~appointed pursuant to the list of nominations submitted to the governor by the~~  
 16 ~~nominating parties as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.~~

17 (c) In the event ~~nine~~ all commissioners are not appointed within sixty days  
 18 of the beginning of the term or a ~~vacancy pursuant to the foregoing~~ the occurrence  
 19 of a vacancy, then another list of nominations selected by a majority of the members  
 20 of the legislature representing the district shall be submitted, and the governor shall  
 21 appoint the remaining required commissioner or commissioners ~~from the list to bring~~  
 22 ~~the total number of commissioners to nine~~ to provide for the total number of  
 23 commissioners required by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.

24 (d) Excluding any vacancies on the board, a majority of the appointed  
 25 commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the  
 26 commission.

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28 (4) ~~On and after January 12, 2004, a~~ A vacancy created whether by reason  
 29 of death, resignation, expiration of term, or any other cause of a member of the board

1 of commissioners shall be filled in the same manner as provided in Paragraph (2) of  
2 this Subsection.

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 10, 2016.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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