

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 423 (HB 709)

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Prior law, relative to levee districts and levee and drainage districts, provided that each board of commissioners of any levee district and levee and drainage district in the state may by a vote of 2/3 of the total membership of the board fix the per diem of its members; however, the per diem of each member cannot exceed \$75 during the time such member is in actual attendance upon the board or performing duties authorized by the board. Specified that the per diem may be payable for 36 days per year. Provided that during the period of an emergency as determined by the governor, each district which has been declared to be under such an emergency by the governor may be authorized to hold as many meetings or emergency activities as the board deems necessary and the members shall be paid per diem for such meetings or activities. Authorized the reimbursement of each member for travel expenses in accordance with state travel regulations as prescribed by the Division of Administration.

New law retains prior law except ties the per diem rate of members and board of commissioners of levee districts and levee and drainage districts to 75% of the federal per diem rates.

New law requires that a board of commissioners of any levee district and levee and drainage district in this state provide at least two weeks notice to the public of its intent to vote on whether or not to fix the per diem of its members above \$75.

Prior law, relative to the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District, provided in case of the death, resignation, absence, inability, or failure to act of the president, the secretary shall call the board together and the board shall appoint one of their number to serve as acting president, and he shall perform all the duties of president. In case of neglect of duty by any commissioner, or of his failure, without good cause, to attend regular meetings for three times successively, the governor, on request of the board, shall remove the commissioner and appoint his successor. Provided that the commissioners may fix the per diem of the members appointed by the governor, however, the per diem of each member shall not exceed \$60 per day during the time such member is in actual attendance upon the board or performing duties authorized by the board. Such per diem shall be payable for a maximum of 24 days per year, except if an emergency is declared by the governor, during the period of such emergency as determined by the governor, the board shall be authorized to hold as many meetings or emergency activities as the board deems necessary and the members shall be paid per diem for such meetings or activities.

New law modifies prior law by increasing the per diem rate of the board of commissioners of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District from \$60 per day to 75% of the federal per diem rate. Also requires the board to give at least two weeks notice to the public of its intent to vote on whether or not to fix the per diem of its members above \$60.

Effective Aug. 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 38:308(A) and 3304(B); Adds R.S. 38:308(C))