Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 334

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE

1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(AA)(1) and (2) and to enact R.S. 38:291(CC), relative 3 to levee districts; to remove Vermilion Parish from the limits of the Chenier Plain 4 Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority; to create the Vermilion Parish Levee, 5 Hurricane Protection, and Conservation District; to provide for jurisdictional limits; to provide for a board of commissioners; to provide for appointment of 6 7 commissioners, terms of office, and determination of domicile; to provide for an 8 additional member of the Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration Protection Authority; 9 and to provide for related matters. 10 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published 11 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of 12 Louisiana. 13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 14 Section 1. R.S. 38:291(AA)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15 38:291(CC) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 16 §291. Naming; limits of districts; composition of boards 17 18 AA. Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority. 19 (1) All of the lands in the parishes of Calcasieu, and Cameron, and 20 Vermilion shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as the 21 Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority. These lands and all 22 property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the 23 provisions of this Chapter.

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1	(2) The governor shall appoint, subject to Senate confirmation, nine seven
2	persons to serve as commissioners as follows:
3	(a) The police jury of Calcasieu Parish shall submit a list of six nominations,
4	subject to ratification by the governing authority of Calcasieu Parish, and the
5	governor shall appoint three members from the list.
6	(b) The police jury of Cameron Parish shall submit a list of six nominations,
7	subject to ratification by the governing authority of Cameron Parish, and the
8	governor shall appoint three members from the list.
9	(c) The police jury of Vermilion Parish shall submit a list of six nominations,
10	subject to ratification by the governing authority of Vermilion Parish, and the
11	governor shall appoint three members from the list.
12	(c) A person who is not a resident of either the Parish of Calcasieu nor the
13	Parish of Cameron who shall be either an engineer or a professional in a related field
14	such as geotechnical, hydrological, or environmental science.
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16	CC. Vermilion Parish Levee, Hurricane Protection, and Conservation
17	<u>District.</u>
18	(1) All of the lands in the parish of Vermilion shall be embraced in the limits
19	of a levee district to be known as the Vermilion Parish Levee, Hurricane Protection,
20	and Conservation District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt
21	from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.
22	(2) The governor shall appoint, subject to Senate confirmation, a board of
23	commissioners consisting of nine persons who reside in Vermilion Parish located
24	within the levee district and who meet the requirements of R.S. 38:304(A) as
25	<u>follows:</u>
26	(a) Two members shall be appointed from the Vermilion Parish Police Jury.
27	(b) One member shall be appointed from the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal
28	Port Commission.
29	(c) One member shall be appointed from each of the following municipalities
30	within Vermilion Parish:

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1	(i) City of Abbeville.			
2	(ii) City of Kaplan.			
3	(iii) Town of Erath.			
4	(iv) Town of Gueydan.			
5	(v) Town of Delcambre.			
6	(vi) Village of Maurice.			
7	(3) A vacancy created whether by reason of death, resignation, expiration of			
8	term, or any other cause of a member of the board shall be filled in the same manner			
9	as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.			
10	(4)(a) The members of the board initially appointed shall at their first			
1	meeting determine by lot their terms of office, which terms shall commence			
12	immediately upon their appointment and shall expire, respectively, as follows: three			
13	members in two years, three members in three years, and three members in four			
14	years, from the first day of July immediately succeeding such appointment.			
15	(b) All commissioners thereafter appointed, except a commissioner			
16	appointed to fill an unexpired term, shall be appointed as provided in Paragraph (2)			
17	of this Subsection for staggered terms of four years, which shall expire on July first			
18	of the fourth year of the term to which he is appointed, or until his successor is			
19	appointed and takes office.			
20	(c) No member shall serve more than four consecutive three-year terms;			
21	however, if a person has been appointed to fill more than one-half of an unexpired			
22	term, such person shall be eligible to serve consecutively no more than two terms in			
23	addition to such partial term.			
24	(5) The official domicile of the board of the district shall be established by			
25	the board.			
26	(6) No member of the board shall receive compensation for serving as a			
27	member of the board.			
28	(7)(a) The district shall have such taxing authority as authorized by Article			
29	VI, Sections 39(A) and (B) of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable			
30	provisions of law.			

1	(b) For purposes of this Paragraph, the district shall be limited by the Charte		
2	for the city of Abbeville.		
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