

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;  
6 to provide for a board of commissioners; to provide for appointment of  
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

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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.



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  
 11 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 Charter  
2                    for the city of Abbeville.

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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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_