BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve rules promulgated by the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation

District, hereinafter, "ARBC", relative to the acquisition of property for the Comite

Diversion Canal Project.

WHEREAS, R.S. 38:3306(F) provides that the board of the ARBC may expropriate property subject to and in accordance with R.S. 48:411 through 460, expropriation procedures for the Department of Transportation and Development; and

WHEREAS, the board has specifically made acquisition of mitigation property for the purpose of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project under the proposed rules subject to and in accordance with Act No. 734 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 38:3306(A), the board adopted rules and regulations to establish policies and procedures for the acquisition of property for the Comite Diversion Canal Project; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 38:3306(A) provides that such rules and regulations shall be submitted to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works for oversight; and

WHEREAS, the ARBC complied with the law and submitted the proposed rules to both committees, however neither committee held a hearing on the proposed rules; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter and intent of the proposed rules are of vital importance to the people of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, and Livingston parishes; and

WHEREAS, it is also of vital importance that the proposed rules be reviewed for their content and affect; and

WHEREAS, what better process than to have the proposed rules reviewed and approved by the Legislature of Louisiana.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby declare that it has reviewed and approved the proposed rules of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District, relative to the establishment of policies and procedures for the acquisition of property for the Comite Diversion Canal Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the state register is hereby directed to print the adopted rules that were submitted in the Notice of Intent published in the state register on September 20, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the office of the state register, the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District, and the parish governing authorities of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, and Livingston parishes.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE