

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 134

BY SENATOR CHABERT

COASTAL PROTECT/RES AUTH. Provides with respect to the membership of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:214.5.1, relative to the Coastal Protection and Restoration  
3 Authority Board; to provide for its membership; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 49:214.5.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §214.5.1. Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board

7 A. The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board is ~~hereby~~ created  
8 within the office of the governor. The board is ~~hereby~~ established, and shall exercise  
9 the powers and duties hereinafter set forth or otherwise provided by law. The  
10 provisions of R.S. 44:5(A) shall not be applicable to any activities or records of or  
11 pertaining to the authority.

12 B. The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board shall consist of  
13 the following members:

14 (1) ~~Executive~~ **The executive** assistant to the governor for coastal activities.

15 (2) ~~Secretary~~ **The secretary** of the Department of Natural Resources or his  
16 designee.

17 (3) ~~Secretary~~ **The secretary** of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or

1 his designee.

2 (4) ~~Secretary~~ **The secretary** of the Department of Environmental Quality or  
3 his designee.

4 (5) ~~Secretary~~ **The secretary** of the Department of Transportation and  
5 Development or his designee.

6 (6) ~~Secretary~~ **The secretary** of the Department of Economic Development  
7 or his designee.

8 (7) ~~Commissioner~~ **The commissioner** of administration or his designee.

9 (8) ~~Commissioner~~ **The commissioner** of agriculture and forestry or his  
10 designee.

11 (9) ~~Commissioner~~ **The commissioner** of insurance or his designee.

12 (10) Seven members who shall be appointed by the governor, in consultation  
13 with the Police Jury Association of Louisiana and the Association of Levee Boards  
14 of Louisiana, from nominations submitted by **the** levee districts located in whole or  
15 in part in the coastal area, from legislators who represent districts in whole or in part  
16 in the coastal area, and from **the** parish governing authorities located in whole or in  
17 part in the coastal area. The appointees shall be residents of the coastal area and shall  
18 be appointed on a proportional basis in such a manner as to reflect the population and  
19 land area of the parishes located in whole or in part in the coastal area. However,  
20 there shall be at least two appointees who reside in the area of the coastal area  
21 located west of the Atchafalaya River and at least two appointees who reside in the  
22 area of the coastal area located east of the Atchafalaya River.

23 (11) The chair of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal  
24 Protection, Restoration, and Conservation ~~or his designee~~.

25 (12) The director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and  
26 Emergency Preparedness ~~or his designee~~.

27 (13) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee, ~~who~~ shall  
28 serve as an ex officio member who shall not have the authority to vote and who shall  
29 not be counted for purposes of a quorum.

1 (14) The president of the Senate, or his designee, ~~who~~ shall serve as an ex  
2 officio member who shall not have the authority to vote and who shall not be  
3 counted for purposes of a quorum.

4 (15) Any member of the board who represents a political subdivision shall  
5 recuse himself from deliberations and from voting on any matter concerning the  
6 taking of action against that political subdivision for lack of compliance with the  
7 plan.

8 C. The executive assistant shall serve as chairman and ~~shall~~ develop  
9 procedures for the operation of the board.

10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
14 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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Present law provides for the membership of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

Proposed law makes technical changes to present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 49:214.5.1)