

SENATE BILL NO. 39

BY SENATOR MCPHERSON AND REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:231(A), relative to the state highway system and the final
3 highway construction program; to provide with respect to the duties of the Joint
4 Highway Priority Construction Committee; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 48:231(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §231. Final construction program for current fiscal year; public hearings; Joint
8 Highway Priority Construction Committee; reports; review by
9 legislature; restrictions on legislature

10 A. ~~Prior to the convening of each regular session of the legislature,~~
11 **Beginning on October 1, 2010, and not later than October 1 of each year**
12 **thereafter**, the department shall **provide a proposed program of construction for**
13 **the coming fiscal year to the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee.**
14 **The committee shall** hold public hearings in each highway district for the purpose
15 of reviewing priorities for the coming fiscal year. A report based on the testimony
16 received at said hearings shall be sent to the ~~Joint Highway Priority Construction~~
17 ~~Committee~~ **department**. The department then shall create the final construction
18 program for the coming fiscal year for submission to the legislature. When this final
19 construction program is communicated to the legislature for funding for the coming
20 fiscal year, any project which the legislature determines is not in the proper order of
21 priority in accordance with the factors stated in R.S. 48:229 may be deleted by the

1 legislature. However, the legislature shall not add any projects to this final
2 construction program, nor shall the legislature make substitutions for projects which
3 have been removed.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____