

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 713

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHAMPAGNE, BARRAS, AND SAM JONES

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 38:291(AA), relative to levee districts; to create the Iberia Parish Levee,
3 Hurricane, and Conservation District; to provide for jurisdictional limits; to provide
4 for a board of commissioners, to provide for appointment of commissioners, terms
5 of office, and determination of domicile; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 38:291(AA) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §291. Naming; limits of districts; composition of boards

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13 AA. Iberia Parish Levee, Hurricane, and Conservation District. (1) All of
14 the lands in the parish of Iberia except that portion of Iberia Parish that is included
15 in the territorial boundaries of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District, shall be
16 embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as the Iberia Parish Levee,
17 Hurricane, and Conservation District. These lands and all property thereon situated
18 shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

19 (2) The governor shall appoint, subject to Senate confirmation, a board of
20 commissioners consisting of nine persons who reside in that portion of Iberia Parish
21 located within the levee district and who meet the requirements of R.S. 38:304(A)
22 as follows:

23 (a) Three members shall be appointed from the Iberia Parish Council.

24 (b) One member shall be appointed from the Twin Parishes Port Commission.

25 (c) One member shall be appointed from the Iberia Parish Port Commission.

1 (d) One member shall be appointed from each of the following municipalities
2 within Iberia Parish:

3 (i) City of Jeanerette.

4 (ii) City of New Iberia.

5 (iii) Town of Delcambre.

6 (iv) Village of Loreauville.

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 three consecutive four-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) The district shall have such taxing authority as authorized by Article VI,
29 Sections 39(A) and (B) of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable

1 provisions of law; however, no tax election shall be called without the prior approval
2 of the governing authority of Iberia Parish.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____