

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

BY SENATOR MORRELL

LEVEES. Directs the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-East to limit travel expenses to travel between the residence of a board member and the meeting location, and to prohibit the payment of rental car expenses for a member not domiciled within ninety miles of the meeting location.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To direct the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East to limit travel expenses
3 payable to travel only between a board member's permanent residence and the
4 location of a board meeting, and to prohibit the payment of rental car expenses for
5 a board member who does not reside within ninety miles of the board meeting
6 location.

7 WHEREAS, R.S. 38:330.1 provides that in addition to a per diem, each member of
8 the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East shall
9 be paid a mileage allowance for going to and from meetings and for other travel authorized
10 by the board equal to the rate established as the standard mileage rate for business travel for
11 purposes of Section 162(a) of Title 26 of the United States Code; and

12 WHEREAS, one commissioner on the board of the Southeast Louisiana Flood
13 Protection Authority-East who lives in Baton Rouge but sometimes flies in from jobs out of
14 state for board meetings was paid \$8,417.64 in travel expenses for 2009 and 2010; and

15 WHEREAS, another commissioner on the board of the authority who lives in New
16 Orleans but sometimes flies in for board meetings from Washington, D.C., where he spends
17 several months during the year doing research, was paid \$17,883 in travel expenses for 2009
18 and 2010; and

1 WHEREAS, questions have been raised regarding whether these expenditures for
2 travel are justified at a time when the state is slashing health care and higher education to
3 make up for a budget shortfall of more than \$1.6 billion.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 direct the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East to limit travel expenses
6 payable to only those expenses incurred for travel between a board member's permanent
7 residence and the location of a board meeting, and to prohibit the payment of rental car
8 expenses for a board member who does not reside within ninety miles of the board meeting
9 location.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
11 president of the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection
12 Authority-East and the commissioner of administration.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

DIGEST

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SCR No. 79

Directs the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-East to limit travel expenses to travel between the residence of a board member and the meeting location, and to prohibit the payment of rental car expenses for a member not domiciled within 90 miles of the meeting location.