

PART II. DISTRICTS

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

A. Atchafalaya Basin Levee District. (1) On July 1, 1997, and continuing thereafter, the parishes and parts of parishes, except St. Mary Parish, south of Old River, and between the Mississippi River and Lafourche Bayou on the east, and a line drawn along the north boundary of St. Martin Parish from the Atchafalaya River on the east to Bayou Teche on the west, thence down Bayou Teche to the Atchafalaya River, and thence down the Atchafalaya River to its mouth, and also excepting all the property within the parish of Lafourche and Terrebonne and within the present corporate limits of the municipality of New Iberia, namely: the parishes of Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, and parts of the parishes of Iberville, Ascension, Assumption, St. Martin, and Iberia, with the additional following territory: a strip of land in St. Landry Parish lying between Bayou Courtableau on the northeast, and the Atchafalaya River on the east, the parish line of St. Martin on the south, and Bayou Teche on the west, shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304 the governor shall appoint thirteen persons to serve as levee commissioners as follows:

- (a) One member appointed from Ascension Parish.
- (b) One member appointed from Assumption Parish.
- (c) One member appointed from Iberia Parish.
- (d) Three members appointed from Iberville Parish.
- (e) Two members appointed from Pointe Coupee Parish.
- (f) One member appointed from St. Landry Parish.
- (g) Two members appointed from St. Martin Parish.
- (h) Repealed by Acts 2007, No. 259, §2, eff. July 1, 2007.
- (i) Two members appointed from West Baton Rouge Parish.
- (j) Repealed by Acts 1997, No. 1407, §3, eff. July 15, 1997.

(3) In cases where only a portion of a parish lies within the district, the members appointed from that parish shall be residents and qualified voters of that portion of the parish which lies within the district, except in St. Martin and St. Landry Parishes, the members appointed shall represent the entire parish and shall not be required to be residents and qualified voters of those portions of St. Martin and St. Landry Parishes which lie within the district.

(4) All appointments to the board shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

B. Bossier Levee District. (1) All alluvial lands in Bossier Parish and all lands subject to or liable to overflow from the Red River, its tributaries or outlets, south of the line dividing the north half from the south half of T20N between the Red River and the hills or uplands which border the alluvial lands on the east; being situated in Townships 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and the south half of 20N-R11, 12, 13 and 14W; and all lands located within the watershed of Cypress Bayou lying below the elevation of 187.5 feet above MSL north of the centerline of the dam constructed on Cypress Bayou in Section 12, T19N-R13W, and Section 7, T19N-R12W; and all lands located within the watershed of Black Bayou lying below the elevation of 190.3 feet above MSL north and west of the centerline of the dam constructed on Black Bayou in Sections 11, 12 and 14, T19N-R13W; also, the alluvial lands on the left descending bank of the Red River above Loggy Bayou and within Ward 8 (1974 boundaries) of Red River Parish, which are subject to overflow from the Red River, its tributaries or outlets shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as the Bossier Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter. The total area of the district is one hundred fifty-seven thousand acres, of which one hundred fifty-three thousand acres are in Bossier Parish, and four thousand acres are in Red River Parish.

(2) The governor shall appoint in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304 nine persons: four persons from Ward 2 of Bossier Parish; four persons from Wards 1 and 4 of Bossier Parish; and one person, as an at-large member, from any ward within the parish to serve as levee commissioners.

C. Caddo Levee District. (1) All that portion of the alluvial lands and all lands subject to or liable to overflow from the parish of Caddo embraced and situated within the following described boundaries: All alluvial lands and all lands subject to or liable to overflow from the waters of Red River or its tributaries or its outlets on the west side of Red River south of the Arkansas state line, and between Red River and the Texas state line; the alluvial land and lands subject to or liable to overflow from the waters of Red River or its tributaries or its outlets situated in T17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23N-R13, 14, 15, 16W, not including lands within the historical boundaries of the city of Shreveport as they

existed on July 6, 1892, and all alluvial lands and all lands subject to or liable to overflow from the waters of Red River or its tributaries or outlets on the west side of Red River in the parish of Caddo between Red River and the western boundary of said Caddo Parish situated in T15, 16, 17N-R11, 12, 13W; and all alluvial land and all lands subject or liable to overflow from the waters of Bayou Pierre or Red River, their tributaries and outlets on the west side of Bayou Pierre, south of the confluence of Wallace Bayou and Bayou Pierre, and north of T14N-R12W, situated in Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 31 and 32, T15N-R12W, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, are incorporated into a levee district to be known as the Caddo Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The governor shall appoint in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304 seven persons to serve as levee commissioners, all of whom are residents of and qualified voters of Caddo Parish.

D. East Jefferson Levee District. (1) All the land in the parish of Jefferson lying on the east side of the Mississippi River shall constitute a levee district to be known as the East Jefferson Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) On and after January 1, 2007, the district shall be governed by the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East pursuant to authority granted by Article VI, Sections 38 and 38.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana and as provided in this Chapter.

(3) Repealed by Acts 2006, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1, §4, eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

E. Fifth Louisiana Levee District. (1) All the lands in the parishes of East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as the Fifth Louisiana Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The governor shall appoint in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304 two persons for each of the parishes embraced in the levee district to serve as levee commissioners.

F. Lafourche Basin Levee District. (1) All the parishes or parts of parishes, except the parishes of Lafourche, Orleans, Jefferson, and Plaquemines, lying in a district between the Bayou Lafourche, the Mississippi River, and the Gulf of Mexico, heretofore known as the Third Levee District, and comprising a portion of the following parishes: Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles, and Assumption shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as the Lafourche Basin Levee District.

(2) In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304, the governor shall appoint eleven persons from each parish or part of a parish in the district to serve as levee commissioners as follows:

- (a) One member appointed from Ascension Parish.
- (b) One member appointed from Assumption Parish.
- (c) One member appointed from St. James Parish.
- (d) One member appointed from St. John the Baptist Parish.
- (e) Two members appointed from St. Charles Parish.
- (f) Five members to be appointed from the district at large.
- (g) Repealed by Acts 2006, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 32, §2, eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

G. Lake Borgne Basin Levee District. (1) All the territory contained within the parish of St. Bernard shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) On and after January 1, 2007, the district shall be governed by the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East pursuant to authority granted by Article VI, Sections 38 and 38.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana and as provided in this Chapter.

H. Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District. (1) All of the alluvial lands in the parish of Natchitoches on the right descending bank of Red River which are subject to overflow from the waters of Red River, Bayou Pierre, and Old River shall be embraced in the limits of a levee and drainage district to be known as the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District. Any lands or portions of lands that have been overflowed by such waters or back waters since the year 1926 shall be deemed to be subject to overflow. All lands lying below the contour line of 135 feet above mean sea level shall be deemed subject to overflow. Any and all other lands within the parish of Natchitoches on the right descending bank of Red River subject to overflow by the Red River and its tributaries shall also be included. All of the alluvial lands in the Parish of Natchitoches on the left descending bank of Red River, which are subject to overflow from the waters of Red River or any of its tributaries or outlets. Any lands or portions of lands that have been overflowed by such waters, or backwaters, since the year 1926, shall be deemed to be subject to overflow. All lands

lying below the contour line of 135 feet above mean sea level shall ipso facto be deemed subject to overflow. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Part.

(2) The governor shall appoint in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304 eight persons residing within the parish of Natchitoches to serve as levee commissioners.

I. Nineteenth Louisiana Levee District. (1) All of the alluvial land subject to overflow on the left descending bank of the Red River in Grant Parish and all of the alluvial land subject to overflow along the tributaries of the Red River in Grant Parish downstream from the mouth of Bayou Nantachie shall compose a levee district to be known as Nineteenth Louisiana Levee District. The total area of the district is sixty-seven thousand four hundred acres. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The governor shall appoint in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304 three persons to serve as levee commissioners.

J. North Bossier Levee and Drainage District. (1) All that portion of the alluvial lands in the parish of Bossier embraced and situated within the following described boundaries: All alluvial lands and all lands subject to or liable to overflow from the waters of Red River or its tributaries or outlets, bounded on the north by the Arkansas and Louisiana state line, on the east by the hills or uplands, on the south by the southern boundary line of section 9, 10, 11, and 12 of T22N-R14W, and on the west by Red River, being all the lands of T23N-R14W within the parish of Bossier, and all those portions of T23N-R13W, of T22N-R13W and T22N-R14W, north of the section line bounding sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 as before mentioned, in the parish of Bossier, subject to the overflow from Red River or its tributaries, containing twenty-one thousand one hundred and fifty three acres more or less, are incorporated into a levee and drainage district, to be known as the North Bossier Levee and Drainage District. These lands and all property thereon situated shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The district shall be governed by a board of three commissioners appointed by the governor in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304.

(3) Any books, records, documents, funds, movable or immovable property, lands, rights-of-way, servitudes or other assets, whether real or personal, tangible or intangible, which are owned or held by the former North Bossier Levee District on August 15, 2009 are hereby granted, conveyed, transferred, and to be delivered no later than August 30, 2009 to the North Bossier Levee and Drainage District for the use and benefit of the new levee and drainage district, without the necessity of any other act or instrument of grant, conveyance, transfer, or delivery.

K. Orleans Levee District. (1) The Orleans Levee District as it exists on the date that it complies with R.S. 38:330.8(B)(4) is reorganized as provided by this Paragraph and as provided by Paragraph (X)(1) of this Section. The portion of the parish of Orleans on the east side of the Mississippi River is formed into a political subdivision and public levee district, to be known as the Orleans Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The district shall be governed by the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East pursuant to authority granted by Article VI, Sections 38 and 38.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana and as provided in this Chapter.

L. Pontchartrain Levee District. (1) All that part of the parish of East Baton Rouge lying south of the city of Baton Rouge, and all those parts of the parishes of Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Charles, lying east of the Mississippi River shall constitute a levee district to be known as the Pontchartrain Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The governor shall appoint, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304, one person for each of the parishes embraced in the levee district, one person residing within the district and also one representative of the Louisville, New Orleans, and Texas Railway Company and one representative of the Illinois Central Railroad Company.

M. Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Beouf Levee District. (1) The territory contained in the following boundaries shall be known as the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Beouf Levee District: Beginning at the junction of the Red and Atchafalaya Rivers in the parish of Avoyelles, on the east then following the Atchafalaya River, to the mouth of Courtableau in the parish of St. Landry, then following Bayou Courtableau and Bayou Beouf to the line of the parish of Rapides, and all territory subject to overflow contained in the parishes of Avoyelles and Rapides, as well as that included in the described limits situated in the parish of St. Landry, including particularly the following:

(a) All that portion of alluvial lands in the parish of Avoyelles embraced and situated within the following

described boundaries: All the territory in Avoyelles Parish consisting of alluvial lands subject to overflow, bounded by Red River, the Atchafalaya River, Bayou des Glaizes, and the public road running from David's Ferry, on Red River, to Bayou des Glaizes, by way of Marksville, Mansura, and the Long Bridge at Bout de Bayou;

(b) All that portion of the alluvial lands in the parish of Avoyelles lying north of the Red River and situated within the following described boundaries, namely: All the territory in Avoyelles Parish, consisting of the alluvial lands subject to overflow and embraced within the following limits: beginning at Cassandria on the line between sections 44 and 50, T3N-R3E, thence down Red River to Saline Bayou; thence following the Saline Bayou, Saline Lake, and Horespan Creek to Line between sections 17 and 18, T4N, R3E; thence south to the Point Maigre Hills and following the east edge of the hills to point of beginning;

(c) All the area in the parish of Rapides lying between Red River, Bayou Rapides, and Bayou Jean de Jean, and also there shall be included within the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Beouf Levee District all of the property included within the corporate limits of the town of Pineville, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, whether the same is actually subject to overflow or not;

(d) All the alluvial land now subject to overflow, or that has been overflowed, directly or indirectly, by the waters of the Red River in any year since 1865 on the left descending bank of Red River situated in the parish of Rapides, having for its northern boundary the southern boundary of Grant Parish and for its southern or lower boundary, the hills opposite the left bank of Bayou Rigolette, and following the hills to the upper side of the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railway right of way and following the right of way to Red River.

(e) There shall be excluded from the limits of the levee district the following: All that portion of St. Landry Parish lying west of the Atchafalaya River main levee and east of the west guide levee of the West Atchafalaya Floodway as now established extending from Avoyelles Parish line on the north to Bayou Courtableau on the south, with the exception of rights of way and other property belonging to railroads, pipelines, common carriers, or other public utilities. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The governor shall appoint in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304 one person from each of the parishes embraced by the district to serve as levee commissioners.

N. Red River Levee and Drainage District. (1) The alluvial land subject to overflow from the Red River, its tributaries and outlets, and on the right descending bank of the Red River within the parishes of DeSoto and Red River, and constituting a part of the Bayou Pierre Basin, except that portion of DeSoto Parish north of the south line of T15N, and the alluvial lands on the left descending bank of the Red River below Loggy Bayou and within Wards 1, 7 and 8 (1974 boundaries) of Red River Parish, which are subject to overflow from the Red River, its tributaries or outlets shall be embraced within the limits of a levee and drainage district to be known as the Red River Levee and Drainage District. The total area of the district is one hundred thirty-one thousand one hundred acres, of which twenty-two thousand one hundred acres are on the left descending bank, and one hundred nine thousand acres are on the right descending bank. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The governor shall appoint in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304 five persons, three residing within the district on the west bank of the Red River and one residing within the district on the east bank of the Red River and within the territory comprising the former Coushatta-Red River Levee District and one residing within the district on the east bank of the Red River and within that portion of the territory formerly a part of the Nineteenth Louisiana Levee and Drainage District, which territories are now included in the Red River Levee and Drainage District, to serve as levee commissioners.

O. Repealed by Acts 1997, No. 1116, §2.

P. South Lafourche Levee District. (1) That portion of the parish of Lafourche bounded on the south by the southern boundary of the state of Louisiana and bounded on the north by the south bank of the Intracoastal Canal shall be embraced within the limits of a levee district to be known as the South Lafourche Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) Following January 12, 2004, the governor shall appoint, subject to Senate confirmation, a board of commissioners consisting of nine persons from the district selected as follows:

(a) Three members nominated by the member of the Senate representing Senate District Twenty.

(b) Three members nominated by the member of the House of Representatives representing House District Fifty-four.

(c) The president of Lafourche Parish shall submit three nominations, subject to ratification by the governing authority of Lafourche Parish, and the governor shall appoint one member from the list.

(d) The mayor of the town of Golden Meadow shall submit three nominations, subject to ratification by the governing authority of Golden Meadow, and the governor shall appoint one member from the list.

(e) The board of commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission shall submit three nominations, each selected by a majority vote of the board of commissioners, and the governor shall appoint one member from the list.

(f) In the event nine commissioners are not appointed within sixty days of the beginning of the term or a vacancy pursuant to the foregoing, then another list of nominations selected by a majority of the members of the legislature representing the district shall be submitted, and the governor shall appoint the remaining required commissioner from the list to bring the total number of commissioners to nine.

(3) All lands, rights-of-way, servitudes, and revenues therefrom which are located within the South Lafourche Levee District and which are owned or held by the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District on August 15, 1997 are hereby granted, conveyed, transferred, and delivered to the South Lafourche Levee District without the necessity of any other act or instrument of grant, conveyance, transfer, or delivery. For the purpose of providing evidence of the grant, conveyance, transfer, and delivery effected by this Paragraph, the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District shall execute an act setting forth the grant, conveyance, transfer, and delivery of those lands, rights-of-way, servitudes, and revenues therefrom to the South Lafourche Levee District. That act shall be executed no later than the thirtieth day after August 15, 1997.

(4) On and after January 12, 2004, a vacancy created whether by reason of death, resignation, expiration of term, or any other cause of a member of the board of commissioners shall be filled in the same manner as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

Q. Tensas Basin Levee District. (1) The parishes of Morehouse, West Carroll, Richland, Franklin, Catahoula, LaSalle, and all that portion of the parishes of Ouachita and Caldwell east of the Ouachita River, and that portion of the parish of Caldwell, west of the Ouachita River, and within the corporate limits of the town of Columbia, as shown by the survey and plat of the corporate limits of record on page 292, in conveyance book 30, of the records of Caldwell Parish, and that portion of the parishes of Ouachita and Caldwell west of the Ouachita River described as follows:

"Beginning at a point on the west bank of the Ouachita River in section 39, T18N-R3E Ouachita Parish, Louisiana; the point being located where the center line of the Arkansas Road extended in an easterly direction intersects the west top bank of the Ouachita River; thence north 76 degrees 1' west a distance of 147.0 feet; thence north 32 degrees 6' west a distance of 2125.3 feet; thence south 61 degrees 32' west a distance of 2240 feet; more or less to the intersection of Arkansas Road and the center line of the Victory Gravel Company's railroad right of way; thence south along the center line of the right of way to its intersection with the Monroe-Ruston Federal Aid Highway No. 80; thence along the Federal Aid Highway No. 80 a distance of 6,000 feet, more or less to the center of section 28, T18N-R3E; thence south along the eastern boundary of the southwest quarter of section 28 and the west half of section 33 to the southeast corner of the west half of section 33, T18N-R3E; thence south along the eastern boundary of the west half of section 4, T17N-R3E, to the southeast corner of the west half of said section 4; thence south along the eastern boundary of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter section 9, T17N-R3E, to the southeast corner of said quarter section; thence south along the eastern boundary of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 9 a distance of 77.1 feet to the center line of the proposed West Monroe south levee; thence south eighty-three degrees 6' east along center line of proposed levee a distance of 3901.7 feet to the center line of Louisiana State Highway No. 200; thence north and northeast along Highway No. 200 to its intersection with the west high bank of Black Bayou; thence, meandering along the west bank of Black Bayou, and in a southeasterly direction to a point on the west line of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 3, T17N-R3E; thence south and along the west line of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 3, T17N-R3E; and south along the west line of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 3, T17N-R3E, to the north line of section 10, T17N-R3E; thence south along the eastern boundary of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 10, T17N-R3E to the southeast corner of said quarter section; thence south along the eastern boundary of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 10, a distance of 29.9 feet to the center line of the proposed West Monroe south levee; thence north 50 degrees 22' east a distance of 1658.6 feet; thence north 57 degrees 5' east a distance of 743.83 feet; thence north 33 degrees 9' east a distance of 680.74 feet; thence north 53 degrees 59' east a distance of 819.84 feet; thence north 19 degrees 9' east a distance of 813.04 feet; thence north 52 degrees 54' east a distance of 1004.03 feet; thence north 42 degrees 55' east a

distance of 1085.94 feet; thence south 80 degrees 53' east a distance of 2184.23 feet; thence south 49 degrees 11' east a distance of 559.61 feet; thence south 75 degrees 33' east, a distance of 2340 feet; more or less, to the west bank of the Ouachita River; thence northerly along the west bank of the Ouachita River to the point of beginning, and that portion of section 54, T17N-R3E lying west of the north half of section 16, and the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter and the south half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 9 and having a width of 660 feet; the east half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter, the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, the south half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, the south half of the southwest quarter, the southeast quarter, and that portion of the south half of the northeast quarter south of the present levee in section 9, T17N-R3E; that portion of the south half of the northwest quarter south of the present levee, that portion of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter south of the present levee, the southwest quarter, the west half of the southeast quarter, and the west half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 10, T17N-R3E; the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter, the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, the north half of the northwest quarter, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, the north half of southeast quarter of northwest quarter, the north half of northwest quarter of the southwest quarter in section 15 T17N-R3E; the north half and north half of south half of section 16, T17N-R3E; north half of the southeast quarter, and southeast quarter of the southeast quarter; and Lots 3 and 4 in section 14; Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, and the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 13; the north half of the northeast quarter of section 23; and the northwest quarter of section 24; the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter; and Lots 2, 3, 5 and 6 of section 24, T14N-R3E, north half of northwest quarter of section 23, and south half of southwest quarter of section 14, T14N-R3E, Louisiana meridian, containing 159 acres; less and except that certain 125 acres of land sold by mortgagor to Monroe Jarrell, in deed dated June 5, 1920, and recorded in Conveyance Book Z, page 442, records of Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, containing 34 acres, more or less; southwest quarter of southeast quarter, section 14, T14N-R3E, east half of southeast quarter, section 23; west half of southwest quarter and southeast quarter of southwest quarter, section 24; Lot 1, northwest quarter of northeast quarter and southeast quarter of northeast quarter, section 25, T14N-R3E, sections 15, 16, 21, 22, 27 and 28 of T13N-R4E, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana" shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as the Tensas Basin Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter. The board of commissioners of the district shall be domiciled in Rayville, Louisiana.

(2) The governor shall appoint, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304, one person from each of the parishes embraced within the district. In addition to the above commissioners, two commissioners shall be appointed from Ouachita Parish and one member at large from the district.

R. West Jefferson Levee District. (1) The West Jefferson Levee District as it existed on January 1, 2007, is reorganized as provided by this Paragraph and as provided by Paragraph (Y)(1) of this Section. All lands in the parish of Jefferson lying north of Latitude 29° 17' 52" N and on the west side of the Mississippi River, except that area of land contained in the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District, shall constitute a levee district to be known as the West Jefferson Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) On and after January 1, 2007, the district shall be governed by the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank pursuant to authority granted by Article VI, Sections 38 and 38.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana and as provided in this Chapter.

S. Grand Isle Independent Levee District. (1) All the land in the parish of Jefferson lying south of Latitude 29° 17' 52" N on the west side of the Mississippi River shall constitute a levee district to be known as the Grand Isle Independent Levee District. These lands and all the property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter. The board of commissioners of the district shall be domiciled in Grand Isle, Louisiana.

(2) The governor shall appoint, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:304, subject to Senate confirmation, three persons to serve as levee commissioners.

T. North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District. (1) That portion of the parish of Lafourche lying north of the northern bank of the Intracoastal Canal shall be embraced within the limits of a levee district to be known as the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District. These lands, and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2)(a) The governor shall appoint, beginning January 12, 2004 and until such time as provided in Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this Paragraph, subject to Senate confirmation, a board of commissioners consisting of

nine persons from the parish of Lafourche selected as follows:

(i) Each of the six state legislators representing any part of the district shall submit nominations, and the governor shall appoint one member from each such list of nominees.

(ii) The president of Lafourche Parish shall submit three nominations, subject to ratification by the governing authority of Lafourche Parish, and the governor shall appoint one member from the list.

(iii) The mayor of Thibodaux shall submit three nominations, subject to ratification by the governing authority of Thibodaux, and the governor shall appoint one member from the list.

(iv) The mayor of Lockport shall submit three nominations, subject to ratification by the governing authority of Lockport, and the governor shall appoint one member from the list.

(b) The term of office of any commissioner appointed pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall cease in January 2008, or thereafter, when his successor is appointed and takes office. Beginning in January 2008, and thereafter, the governor shall appoint a board of commissioners consisting of nine persons, subject to Senate confirmation. Such membership shall be comprised of no fewer than three members from the area within the district lying to the east of Bayou Lafourche, no fewer than three members from the area within the district lying to the west of Bayou Lafourche, and the remaining members from the district at-large, all appointed pursuant to the list of nominations submitted to the governor by the nominating parties as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.

(c) In the event nine commissioners are not appointed within sixty days of the beginning of the term or a vacancy pursuant to the foregoing, then another list of nominations selected by a majority of the members of the legislature representing the district shall be submitted, and the governor shall appoint the remaining required commissioner from the list to bring the total number of commissioners to nine.

(3) All lands, rights-of-way, servitudes, and revenues therefrom which are located within the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District and which are owned or held by the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District on August 15, 1997 are hereby granted, conveyed, transferred, and delivered to the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District without the necessity of any other act or instrument of grant, conveyance, transfer, or delivery. For the purpose of proving evidence of the grant, conveyance, transfer, and delivery effected by this Paragraph, the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District shall execute an act setting forth the grant, conveyance, transfer, and delivery of those lands, rights-of-way, servitudes, and revenues therefrom to the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District. That act shall be executed no later than the thirtieth day after August 15, 1997.

(4) On and after January 12, 2004, a vacancy created whether by reason of death, resignation, expiration of term, or any other cause of a member of the board of commissioners shall be filled in the same manner as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

U. Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District. (1) On July 1, 1997, and continuing thereafter, all lands in the parish of Terrebonne shall constitute a levee district to be known as the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter. The land, including mineral rights, in the possession of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District in Terrebonne Parish, for the purposes of ownership and maintenance and operation of the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District, shall be transferred to the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District.

(2)(a) The initial board of commissioners shall consist of the current seven commissioners of the South Terrebonne Parish Tidewater Management and Conservation District and the seven commissioners of the North Terrebonne Parish Drainage and Conservation District. Said commissioners shall serve until the governor of the state of Louisiana takes office in the year 2000 or thereafter until their replacements have been duly appointed. The initial board of commissioners shall be the taxing authority of the district and shall distribute funds as provided in R.S. 38:329 (J). All other actions shall be decided upon individually by the boards of commissioners of the South Terrebonne Parish Tidewater Management and Conservation District and the North Terrebonne Parish Drainage and Conservation District until the nine members of the board of commissioners of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District are appointed by the governor in the year 2000.

(b) Following the date in the year 2000 when the governor takes office, the governor shall appoint a board of commissioners consisting of nine members selected as follows:

(i) Each member of the legislative delegation serving any part of the district shall submit a list of nominations of Terrebonne Parish residents and the governor shall appoint one member from each legislator's list.

(ii) The Terrebonne Parish president, with the approval of the Terrebonne Parish Council, shall submit a list of three names of Terrebonne Parish residents residing north of the Intracoastal Canal and a list of three names of

Terrebonne Parish residents residing south of the Intracoastal Canal, from each of which lists the governor shall appoint one commissioner.

(iii) The members of the Russell Redmond American Legion Post 272, Kenneth C. Boudreaux American Legion Post 380, Boquet-Breaux VFW Post 7755, Aswell Picou VFW Post 9608, and Bourg-Leblanc VFW Post 4752 may each submit one nomination from which the governor shall appoint one commissioner. In the event that nine commissioners are appointed notwithstanding the provisions of this Paragraph, then the provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply.

(c) In the event that there are not appointed nine commissioners pursuant to the foregoing, then the legislative delegation serving all or any part of the district shall submit another list of Terrebonne Parish residents from which the governor shall appoint the remaining required commissioner to bring the total number of commissioners to nine.

(d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a vacancy now or hereafter created whether by reason of death, resignation, expiration of term, or any other cause of a member of the board of commissioners shall be filled in the same manner as provided for the original appointment in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.

V. St. Tammany Levee District. (1) All territory contained within the parish of St. Tammany within the boundaries of the coastal zone pursuant to R.S. 49:214.24 shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as the St. Tammany Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The district shall be governed by the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East.

W. Tangipahoa Levee District. (1) All territory contained within the parish of Tangipahoa within the boundaries of the coastal zone pursuant to R.S. 49:214.24 shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as the Tangipahoa Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The district shall be governed by the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East.

X. Algiers Levee District. (1) The Orleans Levee District as it exists on the date that it complies with R.S. 48:330.8(B)(4) is reorganized as provided by this Paragraph and as provided by Paragraph (K)(1) of this Section. The portion of the parish of Orleans on the west side of the Mississippi River is formed into a levee district, to be known as the Algiers Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The district shall be governed by the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West pursuant to authority granted by Article VI, Sections 38 and 38.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana and as provided in this Chapter.

(3) The district shall have such taxing authority as authorized by Article VI, Section 39(A) and (B) of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable provisions of law.

Y. Lafitte Area Independent Levee District. (1)(a) The West Jefferson Levee District as it existed on January 1, 2007, is reorganized as provided by this Paragraph and as provided by Paragraph (R)(1) of this Section. The Lafitte Area Independent Levee District shall be comprised of all of the lands in the parish of Jefferson located in Townships 15 South - Range 23 East, Township 16 South - Range 24 East, Township 16 South - Range 23 East and Township 16 South - Range 24 East, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana. More fully described as follows:

Beginning at a point having a Latitude of 29 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds North and a Longitude of 90 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West; Thence along the Northern boundary N 89 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds E for a distance of 20,794.06 feet to a point having a Latitude of 29 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds North and a Longitude of 90 degrees 04 minutes 34 seconds West; Thence along the Eastern boundary S 00 degrees 37 minutes 43 seconds E for a distance of 54,446.53 feet to a point having a Latitude of 29 degrees 38 minutes 26 seconds North and a Longitude of 90 degrees 04 minutes 34 seconds West; Thence along the southern boundary S 89 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds W for a distance of 20,825.20 feet to a point having a Latitude of 29 degrees 38 minutes 26 seconds North and a Longitude 90 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West, Thence along the western boundary N 00 degrees 35 minutes 45 seconds W for a distance of 54,446.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

(b) These lands and all property thereon situated shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The governor shall appoint, subject to Senate confirmation, a board of commissioners consisting of five persons who reside in that portion of Jefferson Parish located within the levee district and who meet the requirements

of R.S. 38:304(A) as follows:

(a) One member shall be appointed from a list containing three nominations from the governing authority of Jean Lafitte.

(b) Four members shall be appointed at-large from a list of six nominations submitted jointly by the legislative delegation representing that portion of Jefferson Parish located within the levee district.

(c) Members shall be nominated and appointed such that there are always at least two professionals with at least ten years of experience in their respective professional disciplines on the board, one of whom shall be an engineer.

(3) A vacancy created whether by reason of death, resignation, expiration of term, or any other cause of a member of the board shall be filled in the same manner as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

(4)(a) The members of the board initially appointed shall at their first meeting determine by lot their terms of office, which terms shall commence immediately upon their appointment and shall expire, respectively, as follows: one member in two years, two members in three years, and two members in four years, from the first day of July immediately succeeding such appointment. Thereafter all terms shall be four years.

(b) No member shall serve more than four consecutive four-year terms. However, if a person has been appointed to fill more than one-half of an unexpired term, such person shall be eligible to serve consecutively no more than three terms in addition to such partial term.

(5) The official domicile of the board of the district shall be established by the board.

(6) The district shall have such taxing authority as authorized by Article VI, Section 39(A) and (B) of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable provisions of law.

Z. St. Mary Levee District. (1) All of the lands in the parish of St. Mary shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as the St. Mary Levee District. These lands and all property thereon situated shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The governor shall appoint, subject to Senate confirmation, a board of commissioners consisting of nine persons who reside in St. Mary Parish, and who meet the requirements of R.S. 38:304(A) as follows:

(a) The St. Mary Parish Council shall submit a list containing three nominations from each of the eight single member parish council districts in St. Mary Parish, from which the governor shall appoint one member to represent each such district from the list.

(b) One member shall be appointed at-large by the governor from a list of three nominations submitted jointly by the legislative delegation representing St. Mary Parish.

(3) A vacancy created whether by reason of death, resignation, expiration of term, or any other cause of a member of the board shall be filled in the same manner as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. However, members appointed to fill vacancies shall serve only for the unexpired term of their predecessors.

(4)(a) The members of the board initially appointed shall at their first meeting determine by lot their terms of office, which terms shall commence immediately upon their appointment and shall expire, respectively, as follows: three members in two years, three members in three years, and three members in four years, from the first day of July immediately succeeding such appointment.

(b) All commissioners thereafter appointed, except a commissioner appointed to fill an unexpired term, shall be appointed as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection for staggered terms of four years, which shall expire on July 1 of the fourth year of the term to which he is appointed, or until his successor is appointed and takes office.

(c) Members of the commission shall be subject to term limitations in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 42:3.2. However, if a person has been appointed to fill more than one-half of an unexpired term, such person shall be eligible to serve consecutively no more than three terms in addition to such partial term.

(5) The official domicile of the board of the district shall be established by the board.

(6) Persons appointed to the board, to the extent practicable, shall reflect the population of the parish.

AA. Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority.

(1) All of the lands in the parishes of Calcasieu, Cameron, and Vermilion shall be embraced in the limits of a levee district to be known as the Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority. These lands and all property thereon situated, not exempt from taxation, shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The governor shall appoint, subject to Senate confirmation, nine persons to serve as commissioners as follows:

(a) The police jury of Calcasieu Parish shall submit a list of six nominations, subject to ratification by the governing authority of Calcasieu Parish, and the governor shall appoint three members from the list.

(b) The police jury of Cameron Parish shall submit a list of six nominations, subject to ratification by the governing authority of Cameron Parish, and the governor shall appoint three members from the list.

(c) The police jury of Vermilion Parish shall submit a list of six nominations, subject to ratification by the governing authority of Vermilion Parish, and the governor shall appoint three members from the list.

(3) A vacancy created whether by reason of death, resignation, expiration of term, or any other cause of a member of the board of commissioners shall be filled in the same manner as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

(4) Any person appointed a commissioner shall have resided in this state the preceding two years, reside and be a qualified voter in the parish from where nominated, and reside in the parish while serving as a member of the board.

(5) At least one member from each parish shall be either an engineer or a professional in a related field such as geotechnical, hydrological, or environmental science.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) City of Jeanerette.

(ii) City of New Iberia.

(iii) Town of Delcambre.

(iv) Village of Loreauville.

(3) A vacancy created whether by reason of death, resignation, expiration of term, or any other cause of a member of the board shall be filled in the same manner as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

(4)(a) The members of the board initially appointed shall at their first meeting determine by lot their terms of office, which terms shall commence immediately upon their appointment and shall expire, respectively, as follows: three members in two years, three members in three years, and three members in four years, from the first day of July immediately succeeding such appointment.

(b) All commissioners thereafter appointed, except a commissioner appointed to fill an unexpired term, shall be appointed as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection for staggered terms of four years, which shall expire on July first of the fourth year of the term to which he is appointed, or until his successor is appointed and takes office.

(c) No member shall serve more than three consecutive four-year terms; however, if a person has been appointed to fill more than one-half of an unexpired term, such person shall be eligible to serve consecutively no more than two terms in addition to such partial term.

(5) The official domicile of the board of the district shall be established by the board.

(6) No member of the board shall receive compensation for serving as a member of the board.

(7) The district shall have such taxing authority as authorized by Article VI, Sections 39(A) and (B) of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable provisions of law; however, no tax election shall be called without the prior approval of the governing authority of Iberia Parish.

Acts 1985, No. 785, §1, eff. July 22, 1985; Acts 1986, No. 216, §1; Acts 1986, No. 668, §1; Acts 1986, No. 807, §1, eff. July 10, 1986; Acts 1988, No. 725, §1; Acts 1991, No. 452, §1; Acts 1992, No. 128, §1, eff. June 5, 1992; Acts 1992, No. 789, §1; Acts 1992, No. 838, §1, eff. July 8, 1992; Acts 1992, No. 876, §1; Acts 1992, No. 1020, §1; Acts 1995, No. 1032, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1996; Acts 1996, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 89, §§1, 2; Acts 1997, No. 761, §1; Acts 1997, No. 781, §1; Acts 1997, No. 948, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1116, §2; Acts 1997, No. 1287, §1, eff. July 1, 1998; Acts 1997, No. 1401, §1; Acts 1997, No. 1407, §§1, 3, eff. July 15, 1997; Acts 2003, No. 109, §1; Acts 2003, No. 178, §1; Acts 2003, No. 179, §1; Acts 2003, No. 1169, §1; Acts 2004, No. 310, §1, eff. June 18, 2004; Acts 2005, No. 493, §1, eff. July 12, 2005; Acts 2006, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 1, §§1, 4 eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2006, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 32, §§1, 2, eff. Jan. 1, 2007; Acts 2006, No. 648, §1; Acts 2006, No. 713, §4, eff. July 1, 2006; Acts 2007, No. 133, §1, eff. July 12, 2007;

Acts 2007, No. 259, §§1, 2, eff. July 1, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 475, §1, eff. July 12, 2007; Acts 2007, No. 475, §3, eff. Jan. 1, 2008; Acts 2008, No. 346, §1; Acts 2009, No. 321, §1; Acts 2009, No. 346, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2010; Acts 2009, No. 509, §1; Acts 2010, No. 1008, §1; Acts 2010, No. 1024, §1.