

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
April 27, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Royce Duplessis, vice chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Royce Duplessis, vice chairman
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Candace N. Newell
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Lorrienne Lucas, attorney
Rosalie Ammersbach, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

John Harrington, clerk
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 by Representative Hodges**

Representative Hodges presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 17, which continues the Comite River Diversion Canal Project Task Force.

Representative Hodges offered amendments to remove provisions regarding staffing of the task force. Representative Hodges offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Representative Hodges offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 384 by Representative Wheat

Representative Wheat presented House Bill No. 384, which requires pediatric day health care facilities to provide for installation and operation of cameras at their premises.

Representative Duplessis offered amendments to provide for an effective date and implementation upon promulgation of rules. Representative Duplessis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Representative Duplessis offered amendments to limit the authority of law enforcement to access video or audio data to cases where there is an allegation or evidence of abuse, neglect, or injury. Representative Duplessis offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Dan Claitor, Pediatrtrust, 7520 Perkins Road Suite 170, no city or state provided, (225) 757-0159, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 384.

Cheryl James Rousseau, no address provided, (985) 662-1178, spoke in support of House Bill No. 384.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 384 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 384 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 496 by Representative Selders

Representative Selders presented House Bill No. 496, which allows public employees of a political subdivision that operates parks and recreational facilities to rent facilities at a discounted rate subject to certain conditions.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 219-5600, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 496.

Corey Wilson, BREC, 15903 Parkside Court, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 496.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 496. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 496 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Lyons, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 954 by Representative Seabaugh

House Bill No. 954 provides relative to certain duties of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

Representative Duplessis offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 954. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 954 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Lyons, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1006 by Representative Magee

House Bill No. 1006 provides relative to the Louisiana State Law Institute.

Representative Duplessis offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 1006. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 1006 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Lyons, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 720 by Representative Gaines

Representative Gaines presented House Bill No. 720, which provides for election procedures during a state of emergency.

Representative Gaines offered a substitute bill for House Bill No. 720.

Janea Jamison, Power Coalition, 4930 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA, (985) 513-1674, spoke in support of the substitute bill.

Kyle Ardoin, secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on the substitute bill.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to remove the ability of the secretary of state to make adjustments to the qualifications to vote absentee by mail during an emergency. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Newell objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Horton, Ivey, Mike Johnson, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea. Representatives Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Jenkins, Lyons, and Newell voted nay.

Representative Jenkins offered amendments to provide that emergency election plans that are required to be approved by the governor and the legislative governmental affairs committees are for emergencies that occur more than 45 days prior to an election. No vote was taken on the amendment.

Representative Magee in the chair.

Representative Ivey offered a substitute amendment to remove the 45-day time period and maintain present law ability to submit emergency election plans for approval by the governor and the legislative governmental affairs committees. Representative Ivey offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Representative Jenkins offered amendments that proposed provisions applicable to emergencies that occur within 45 days prior to an election would only be applicable immediately after the initial issuance of an executive order declaring an emergency. Representative Jenkins offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Representative Magee offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 720. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 720 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Hodges, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 394 by Representative Stagni

Representative Stagni presented House Bill No. 394, which provides relative to the salaries of registrars of voters and their chief deputies and confidential assistants.

Steve Raborn, Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association, P.O. Box 91006, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 389-3940, spoke in support of House Bill No. 394.

Shanaka Olinde, Registrar of Voters, 1919 Hospital Road, New Roads, LA, (225) 718-1580, spoke in support of House Bill No. 394.

Daniel David, office of Louisiana secretary of state, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 362-5186, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 394.

Representative Newell offered amendments to make adjustments to the salary schedules. Representative Newell offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Vice Chairman Duplessis in the chair.

Kyle Ardoin, secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 394.

Representative Magee in the chair.

Representative Newell offered a motion to report House Bill No. 394 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 394 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 2 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 357 by Representative Jenkins

Representative Jenkins presented House Bill No. 357, which provides relative to polling places.

Sherri Hadskey, office of Louisiana secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 357.

Kyle Ardoin, secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 357.

Representative Jenkins offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 357. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 357 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

House Bill No. 680 by Representative Newell

Representative Newell presented House Bill No. 680, which provides relative to notice of changes to polling places.

Representative Newell offered a substitute bill for House Bill No. 680.

Kyle Ardoin, secretary of state, P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 922-2880, spoke for information only on the substitute bill.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 680 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 680 was reported by substitute by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 2 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 969 by Representative Seabaugh

On behalf of Representative Seabaugh, Representative Magee presented House Bill No. 969, which provides procedures relative to vetoed bills.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 969 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 969 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

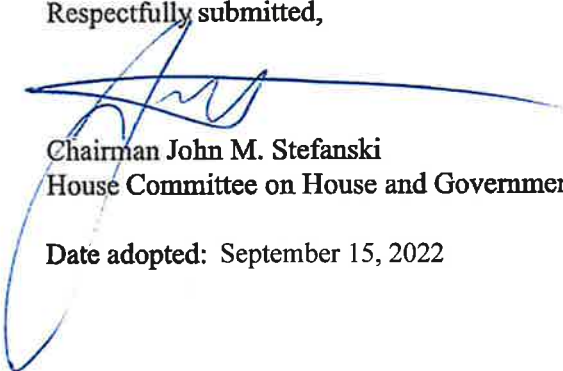
There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Magee offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Wilford Carter, Farnum, Gadberry, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Magee, Newell, Thomas, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman John M. Stefanski
House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Date adopted: September 15, 2022