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ACT No. 348

HOUSE BILL NO. 219

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2000.12(C), relative to the Atchafalaya Basin Conservation
3 Fund; to provide for funds to purchase, from willing sellers, land in the Atchafalaya
4 Basin; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 30:2000.12(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2000.12. Atchafalaya Basin Conservation Fund

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9 C.(1) Monies appropriated from the fund shall be used exclusively by the
10 Department of Natural Resources to fund projects contained in the state or federal
11 Basin master plans, an annual Basin plan, or to provide match for the Atchafalaya
12 Basin Floodway System, Louisiana Project. Of the monies allocated in any one
13 fiscal year, seventy-five percent shall be used for water management, water quality,
14 or access projects, and the remaining twenty-five percent may be used to complete
15 ongoing projects and for projects that are in accordance with the mission statement
16 of the state master plan. The monies in the fund shall not be used to pay salaries or
17 operating costs of the program or department.

18 (2) Of the monies received by the fund each year in accordance with the
19 provisions of Article VII, Section 4(D)(4)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, a
20 minimum of five percent shall be set aside until the total amount reaches ten million
21 dollars. Such funds shall be used by the Department of Natural Resources for the
22 purchase of land, or rights, or servitudes, specifically including conservation
23 servitudes pursuant to R.S. 9:1271 et seq., from willing sellers to improve water

