

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 411

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

WATERWAYS/SCENIC RIVERS: Exempts the Tickfaw River and Blind River from certain restrictions of the Natural and Scenic Rivers Program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:1855(O), relative to the Louisiana Scenic Rivers Act; to
3 provide an exception for certain uses on the Tickfaw River and Blind River; to
4 provide terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:1855(O) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1855. Exceptions

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9 O. Notwithstanding other provisions of R.S. 56:1853, clearing and snagging,
10 and dredging operations conducted or contracted for by a political subdivision, the
11 state, or federal government for drainage purposes in the Amite River, Tangipahoa
12 River, Tickfaw River from the Louisiana-Mississippi state line to the I-12 crossing,
13 Blind River, West Pearl River, Tchefuncte River, Bogue Falaya River, Abita River,
14 and Comite River shall be permitted by the department in accordance with the
15 requirements and procedures provided for in R.S. 56:1849.

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2018.

DIGEST

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HB 411 Engrossed

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Abstract: Exempts the Tickfaw River and Blind River from certain restrictions of the Natural and Scenic Rivers program.

Present law authorizes clearing and snagging, and dredging operations conducted or contracted for by a political subdivision, the state, or federal government for drainage purposes in the Amite River, Tangipahoa River, West Pearl River, Tchefuncte River, Bogue Falaya River, Abita River, and Comite River. Requires permitting by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries under the Natural and Scenic Rivers Program.

Proposed law adds the Tickfaw River, from the Louisiana-Mississippi state line to the I-12 crossing, and Blind River to the rivers eligible for clearing and snagging and dredging operations permitted by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Effective June 30, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 56:1855(O))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Add Blind River to the exemption in present law.