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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires an expedited review, a minimum administrative fee, and public notice by an applicant when an expedited review is granted.

Present law authorizes the commissioner of conservation to develop and implement a program to expedite the processing of permits, modifications, licenses, registrations, and variances. Proposed law retains present law except adds the review of plans, proposals, and exceptions of related correspondence.

Present law establishes the fee for expediting the permit as the cost of the overtime hours that employees of the office of conservation or a contractor spends processing the application and an amount not to exceed 20% for administrative costs. Prohibits the overtime rate from exceeding the maximum per hour salary, including benefits, of a civil service employee of the office of conservation.

Proposed law retains present law except changes the fee on expedited reviews and requires a minimum fee of \$500 for administrative costs.

Present law requires the commissioner to adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement present law. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides the rules require a public notice be given when an expedited permit is requested.

Proposed law provides the rules require the applicant provide public notice when an expedited permit review is granted.

(Amends R.S. 30:4(Q))