

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 424

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

WATER/RESOURCES: Extends the cooperative endeavor program for use of the state's surface water resources

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:961(E), relative to cooperative endeavor agreements for the  
3 withdrawal of surface water; to extend the time for entering cooperative endeavor  
4 agreements for withdrawal of surface water; to provide for terms, conditions, and  
5 requirements; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:961(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §961. Cooperative endeavor agreements; withdrawal of surface water; intent

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10 E.(1) A cooperative endeavor agreement to withdraw running surface water,  
11 or an assignment of such, entered into pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall  
12 have an initial term not to exceed two years. No new cooperative endeavor  
13 agreement shall be entered into for which an application was received by the  
14 department after December 31, ~~2016~~ 2018; however, except as otherwise provided  
15 in this Subsection, existing agreements may be renewed in two-year increments but  
16 shall terminate no later than December 31, 2020.

17 (2) A person or entity who has entered into a cooperative endeavor  
18 agreement to withdraw running surface waters or has obtained an assignment of  
19 such, may terminate such agreement after December 31, ~~2016~~ 2018. In order to be

