

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 245

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WATER/RESOURCES: Provides relative to determination of area of groundwater concern

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3097.6(A), relative to the determination of an area of
3 groundwater concern; to provide certain local officials with the right to file
4 applications with the commissioner of conservation; to grant the commissioner of
5 conservation the authority to initiate studies to determine areas of groundwater
6 concern; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 38:3097.6(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §3097.6. Determination of area of groundwater concern

10 A. Any local government official in an area underlain by an aquifer, or any
11 owner of a well that is significantly and adversely affected as a result of the
12 movement of a saltwater front, water level decline, or subsidence in or from the
13 aquifer drawn on by such well shall have the right to file an application to request the
14 commissioner to declare that an area underlain by such aquifer is an area of
15 groundwater concern. Such application shall contain a statement of facts, and
16 supporting evidence substantiating the area may be an area of groundwater concern
17 as defined in R.S. 38:3097.2. The commissioner shall also have the authority to
18 initiate a study on whether a declaration of an area of ground water concern is
19 necessary. On the basis of the ~~application,~~ application or study, good management
20 practices, and sound science, the commissioner shall either take no action on the

