

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 475 (HB 319)

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Existing law establishes the Atchafalaya Trace Commission ("commission") as an agency of state government within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Prior law established the Atchafalaya Trace Heritage Area as consisting of the territory in certain parishes as generally depicted on the map entitled the Atchafalaya Trace Heritage Corridor Concept Plan copyrighted in 1996 by the Center for Landscape Interpretation.

New law changes the name of the area from "Atchafalaya Trace Heritage Area" to "Atchafalaya National Heritage Area". Changes provisions of prior law that refer to the "trace area" to instead refer to the "heritage area". Removes the reference to the area being generally depicted on the map entitled the Atchafalaya Trace Heritage Corridor Concept Plan copyrighted in 1996 by the Center for Landscape Interpretation.

Prior law provided that the trace area included the following parishes: St. Mary, Iberia, St. Martin, St. Landry, Avoyelles, Pointe Coupee, Iberville, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafayette, West Baton Rouge, Concordia, and East Baton Rouge. Additionally provided that the trace area includes all of the territory in Ascension Parish.

New law provides that the heritage area includes the same parishes as provided in prior law and additionally includes Lafourche Parish in the heritage area.

Prior law provided that no other parish could be added to the heritage area until such time as criteria for inclusion into the area was identified and established by the commission. New law repeals prior law.

Prior law provided that the commission was comprised of 14 members, one appointed by the governing authority of each parish identified in prior law as having territory within the trace area.

New law increases the membership of the commission from 14 members to 15 members, one member to be appointed by the governing authority of each parish identified in new law as having territory in the area.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 25:1221(B)(8), 1222(A) and (B)(4), (9), and (14), 1223(A)(1), 1224(A)(10), (B)(1)(a), (c), and (f), (2)(intro. para.), (a), (b), and (c), and (3)(intro. para.), and (a)-(f))