

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 714

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

RAILROADS: Requires local railroad companies to remediate or remove blighted or abandoned railroad lines and associated structures

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:390.2, relative to railroad crossings in Caddo Parish; to require the owner
3 of railroad crossings to remove or remediate blighted or abandoned crossings and
4 related structures within one year; to ensure the preservation and upkeep of these
5 crossings, including painting and rust removal, of underpasses; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 48:390.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §390.2. Caddo parish railroad crossings; remediation or removal

13 A.(1) Owners of railroad crossings within the parish of Caddo shall have one
14 year from the effective date of this Act to remediate or remove any existing blighted
15 or abandoned railroad crossings and associated structures.

16 (2) Owners of railroad crossings within the parish of Caddo which are found
17 to be blighted or abandoned by local governing authorities after the effective date of
18 this Act shall have one year from the finding or declaration by the local governing
19 authority to remediate or remove any blighted or abandoned railroad crossings and
20 associated structures.

1 B. Underpasses of railroad crossings within the parish of Caddo shall be
 2 maintained and preserved, including but not limited to painting and rust removal, to
 3 prevent them from becoming a blight or nuisance.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the owner of railroad crossings to remove or remediate blighted and abandoned crossings and related structures and to ensure the preservation and upkeep of underpasses in Caddo parish.

Proposed law requires owners of blighted and abandoned railroad crossings to remove or remediate the crossings and related structures within Caddo parish within one year of enactment of proposed law or within finding or declaration by a local governing authority.

Proposed law requires railroad owners to ensure the preservation and upkeep, including painting and rust removal, of underpasses in Caddo parish.

(Adds R.S. 48:390.2)