

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 331

BY SENATOR OWEN

WATER/WATERWAYS. Provides relative to the Louisiana Scenic Rivers Act. (8/1/26)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:1855(Q), relative to the Louisiana Scenic Rivers Act; to provide for natural and scenic rivers; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:1855(Q) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1855. Exceptions

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Q. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, beginning August 1, 2026, through August 1, 2033, no provision of this Part shall:

(1) Prohibit the channelization, clearing and snagging, channel realignment, reservoir construction, or dredging operations for drainage purposes in the West Pearl River from Lock 1 to the Rigolets.

(2) Require a permit pursuant to R.S. 56:1849 for the channelization, clearing and snagging, channel realignment, reservoir construction, or dredging operations for drainage purposes in the West Pearl River from Lock 1 to the Rigolets.

