

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS**SB 163****2026 Regular Session****Reese****KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS. Provides relative to the licensing and regulation of virtual currency businesses. (8/1/26)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Add that if any federal law related to the licensure of virtual currency business activities preempts any provision of the Virtual Currency Business Act, then any provision of La. law authorizing the preempted activity shall be deemed null, void, and without force or effect to the extent of the conflict with federal law.
2. Add that the change shall become effective on the last day of the calendar year in which the federal law becomes effective.
3. Repeal the July 1, 2025 sunset provision in Section 3 of Act No.331 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature.
4. Make technical changes.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**DIGEST**

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Present law provides relative to the Virtual Currency Business Act, which provides for the regulation of virtual currency business.

Present law sunsets on July 1, 2027.

Proposed law provides that if any federal law related to the licensure of virtual currency business activities preempts any provision of present law (known as the Virtual Currency Business Act) then any provision of La. law authorizing the preempted activity shall be deemed null, void, and without force or effect to the extent of the conflict with federal law. Proposed law further provides that the change shall become effective on the last day of the calendar year in which the federal law becomes effective.

Proposed law repeals the sunset date of July 1, 2025.

Propose law repeals the sunset date of July 1, 2027.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Repeals Section 3 of Act No. 331 of 2023 R.S. and Section 2 of Act No. 700 of 2024 R.S.)

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