

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the Task Force on Illegal Dumping Prevention and Enforcement to study the extent of illegal dumping of waste and enforcement mechanisms and to report its findings to certain enumerated House and Senate committees.

WHEREAS, illegal dumping is a problem facing Louisianans in recent times; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping often involves operations of people transporting waste materials across parish lines to dump or dumping waste on the sides of highways and roadways; and

WHEREAS, dumping hot spots have detrimental impacts on the environment and are known to attract mosquitoes and other pests; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana needs to find solutions to the illegal dumping problems whether at the state or local level.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for the Task Force on Illegal Dumping Prevention and Enforcement to study the extent of illegal dumping and enforcement mechanisms, and may propose recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature recommends that the task force include consideration of the extent of illegal dumping and enforcement mechanisms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) One representative from the Department of Environmental Quality appointed by the secretary.

(2) One representative from the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.

(3) One representative from the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(4) One representative from the Department of Transportation and Development appointed by the secretary.

(5) One representative from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries appointed by the secretary.

(6) One representative from the New Orleans Mosquito, Termite and Rodent Control Board appointed by the director.

(7) One representative from the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office appointed by the district attorney.

(8) One representative from the Louisiana State Police appointed by the superintendent.

(9) One representative from the Louisiana Sheriff's Association appointed by the president.

(10) One representative from the New Orleans Department of Sanitation appointed by the mayor.

(11) One representative from the Louisiana Municipal Association appointed by the executive board.

(12) One representative from Healthy Gulf appointed by the executive director.

(13) One representative from a community based environmental justice organization appointed by joint decision of the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate.

(14) One representative from the recycling or waste management industry appointed by joint decision of the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate.

(15) One representative from Keep Louisiana Beautiful appointed by the lieutenant governor.

(16) One representative from the Police Jury Association of Louisiana appointed by the executive director.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each appointing authority shall submit the names of appointees to the task force to the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Transportation and Development, and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, no later than August 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force shall be chaired by the appointee from the Department of Environmental Quality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene for its first meeting no later than September 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be staffed by the Department of Environmental Quality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and all official actions of the task force shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives or applicable Joint Rules shall apply to all meetings of the task force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meetings of the task force shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq., and records of the task force shall be subject to the Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report detailing its findings to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality, and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2027 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any written recommendations or proposals shall also be submitted and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate following the conclusion of its business or by February 12, 2027, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the director of the New Orleans Mosquito, Termite and Rodent Control Board, the district attorney for the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, the superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, the president of the Sheriff's Association, the mayor of New Orleans on behalf of the New Orleans Department of Sanitation, the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association, the executive director of Healthy Gulf, the lieutenant governor, and the executive director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE