

1 pristine and natural state and should be based on the latest scientific, biological,
2 hydrological, and geological data; and

3 WHEREAS, the protection and use of this important resource will depend on such
4 a comprehensive plan.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 create the Lower Pearl River Basin Ecosystem Study Commission to study and make
7 recommendations to the legislature and federal agencies on the development of a long-term
8 comprehensive master plan to protect and preserve the Lower Pearl River Basin ecosystem.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission created shall consist of the
10 following sixteen members:

- 11 (1) Two members of the Senate appointed by the president, or their designees,
12 one of whom shall serve as chairperson.
- 13 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker or
14 their designees.
- 15 (3) The secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, or his designee.
- 16 (4) The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or his designee.
- 17 (5) The secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, or her designee.
- 18 (6) The president of Washington Parish, or his designee.
- 19 (7) The president of St. Tammany Parish, or his designee.
- 20 (8) Four residents of St. Tammany Parish, appointed by the legislators
21 representing that parish.
- 22 (9) Three residents of Washington Parish, appointed by the legislators
23 representing that parish.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such study should focus on the area of
25 protection, the creation of an authority to manage the protection area, financing for the
26 authority, long-term projects for the preservation and maintenance of the protection area, and
27 any future needs of the protection area.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the commission shall serve
29 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be
30 individually entitled as members of their respective constituent organization.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission may conduct such meetings at
2 such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and
3 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this
4 Resolution.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the commission makes a report of
6 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
7 report shall be made to the legislature no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the
8 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this commission shall terminate on April 13,
10 2015.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

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Creates the Lower Pearl River Basin Ecosystem Study Commission to study the conditions, needs, issues, and funding relative to the protection and preservation of the Lower Pearl River Basin and to recommend any action or legislation that the commission deems necessary or appropriate.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original Senate Concurrent Resolution

1. Changes the dates for report submission and termination of the commission.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by the Senate Floor

1. Adds the Secretary of DEQ to the commission.
2. Makes technical changes.