SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 261 2016 Regular Session Luneau

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

WILD REFUGES/PRESERVES. Authorizes two or more parishes to create a game and fish preserve with the preserve located in multiple parishes. (8/1/16)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Adds provision that a formal resolution creating a fish and game preserve in two or more parishes be adopted by all parish governing authorities involved.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> authorizes any parish by formal resolution of its governing authority to establish, maintain, and operate game and fish preserves in the parish. <u>Proposed law</u> clarifies that a preserve may be upon lands or water bodies wholly locate within the parish.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes two or more parish governing authorities, by separate formal resolutions, to establish, maintain, and operate game and fish preserves composed of contiguous lands or waterbodies shared by the parishes. Requires that all the parish governing authorities adopt the formal resolution for the game and fish preserve to become effective.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the governing authority of a parish to appoint a commission to regulate and control the preserve. Provides that the commission be composed of citizens and taxpayers of the parish, whose term will be concurrent with that of the parish governing authority making the appointment and that members serve without compensation.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for establishment, by two or more parish governing authorities, of a game and fish preserve commission. Provides that each parish governing authority appoint members to the commission composed of citizens and taxpayers from that parish and that the members serve without compensation for a term concurrent with that of the governing authority making the appointment. Requires each parish to have an equal number of commission members unless some other composition is adopted by formal resolution adopted by all the parish governing authorities.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains present authority of a commission to make rules and regulations for the government, regulation, and control of the preserve and for the conservation, protection, and propagation of game and fish in the preserve, provided that these rules and regulations are approved, adopted, and promulgated by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 56:721 and 722(A))
