
DIGEST

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Abstract: Recreates the Catahoula Lake Game and Fish Preserve and creates the Catahoula Lake Game and Fish Commission.

Proposed law recreates the Catahoula Lake Game and Fish Preserve in LaSalle and Rapides Parishes.

Proposed law creates the Catahoula Lake Game and Fish Commission. Further provides that the commission be made up of seven members to be named by the governing authorities of LaSalle and Rapides Parishes to serve four year terms. Specifies that four members must be from LaSalle Parish and three members shall be from Rapides Parish.

Proposed law establishes the powers and authorities of the commission as follows:

- (1) Make and enforce rules and regulations for the maintenance of the preserve.
- (2) Buy, lease, expropriate or otherwise acquire all lands, easements, servitudes or rights-of-way necessary to the establishment and maintenance or improvement of the preserve.
- (3) Make and enforce rules and regulations for the propagation and conservation of game and fish in the preserve.

Proposed law bars any property held by the commission from annexation by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries into a wildlife management area or refuge.

Proposed law further provides for the retention of the state's mineral leasing rights on all state owned lands within the boundaries of the district.

Proposed law grants the district the power to expropriate property for public access, fishing, hunting, water level management, and habitat management purposes. Further provides for recourse by property owners.

Proposed law establishes the procedure for the district in order to expropriate property. Further establishes the procedure for property owners to contest the validity of any taking.

(Adds R.S. 38:3321 - 3326 and R.S. 19:391 - 398; Repeals Act No. 320 of the 1952 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, as amended by Section 4 of Act No. 455 of the 1966 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana; Act No. 434 of the 1974 Regular Session of the Legislature of

Louisiana; and Paragraph 7 of Section 1 of Act No. 222 of the 1977 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, R.S. 36:610(D)(2), and R.S. 56:801(7))