

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 987

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1492 and R.S. 36:358(E)(2) and (G), relative to the Louisiana
3 State University Energy Institute; to provide for the unification of energy-related
4 programs by moving the Louisiana Geological Survey under the Louisiana State
5 University Energy Institute; to provide for the responsibilities of the Louisiana
6 Geological Survey; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:1492 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1492. Louisiana Geological Survey

10 A. The Louisiana Geological Survey shall be located within the Energy
11 Institute at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and
12 shall be a part of that institution. ~~The Louisiana Geological Survey shall maintain~~
13 ~~current surface and subsurface geological surveys of the entire state and shall work~~
14 ~~in cooperation with other state entities and other political subdivisions as appropriate~~
15 ~~and required by law.~~

16 B. The Louisiana Geological Survey shall be responsible for the following:

17 (1) Maintaining current surface and subsurface geological surveys of the
18 entire state.

19 (2) Coordinating with the office of technology services for the operation and
20 maintenance of information technology provided for in R.S. 39:15.3 for the storage,
21 management, and modeling of surface and subsurface geological and geographic
22 information system data.

1 technology, and related economic and statistical information, or which is relevant to
 2 the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future
 3 of the state. The office of energy shall work to provide the department and the
 4 Natural Resources Commission with technical assistance and expertise in matters
 5 related to energy and natural resources and shall also work to identify policy options
 6 relative to energy related matters upon request. Finally, the office of energy shall
 7 coordinate with academic and research institutions who possess specialized expertise
 8 in areas related to energy and natural resources on behalf of the department.

9 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 13 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____