

SENATE BILL NO. 331

BY SENATOR OWEN

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AN ACT

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To enact R.S. 56:1855(Q), relative to the Louisiana Scenic Rivers Act; to provide for natural

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and scenic rivers; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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Section 1. R.S. 56:1855(Q) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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§1855. Exceptions

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Q. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary,

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beginning August 1, 2026, through August 1, 2031, no provision of this Part

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shall:

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(1) Prohibit the channelization, clearing and snagging, channel

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realignment, or dredging operations for drainage purposes in the West Pearl

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River and its tributaries from Lock 1 to the Rigolets.

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(2) Require a permit pursuant to R.S. 56:1849 for the channelization,

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clearing and snagging, channel realignment, or dredging operations for

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drainage purposes in the West Pearl River and its tributaries from Lock 1 to the

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Rigolets.

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(3) Allow for any new commercial development or clustered residential

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development along a designated scenic river during the period and at the

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location authorized by this Subsection.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____