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HOUSE BILL NO. 246

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STATE SYMBOL: Provides for certain state symbols

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:163 and to enact R.S. 49:163.1, relative to state symbols; to change the state gemstone from agate to LaPearlite; to provide for the use of the gemstone on official documents; to provide for a state mineral; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:163 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 49:163.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§163. State gemstone

There shall be an official state gemstone. The official state gemstone shall be ~~the agate, as found in Louisiana gravel~~ LaPearlite, derived from the organic shell Crassostrea virginica, a species predominantly found in the waters of coastal Louisiana. Its use on official documents of the state and with the insignia of the state is hereby authorized.

§163.1 State mineral

There shall be an official state mineral. The official state mineral shall be the agate, as found in Louisiana gravel. Its use on official documents of the state and with the insignia of the state is hereby authorized.

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Abstract: Changes the state gemstone to LaPearlite and makes agate the state mineral.

Present law provides that the state gemstone shall be agate.

Proposed law changes present law from agate to LaPearlite. LaPearlite is derived from the organic shell of the American oyster which is a species predominantly found in the waters of coastal La.

Proposed law makes agate the state mineral.

(Amends R.S. 49:163; Adds R.S. 49:163.1)

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