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<u>Present law</u> provides recovery of site restoration costs. Further provides that the secretary of Department of Natural Resources is not authorized to recover restoration costs from parties that formerly operated or held a working interest in an orphaned oilfield site unless restoration costs for a particular orphaned oilfield site including support facilities exceed \$250,000.

Proposed law reduces the restoration costs limitation from \$250,000 to \$50,000.

<u>Present law</u> provides that if the oilfield site does not meet the provisions of R.S. 30:88(F) and restoration costs exceed \$250,000, recovery of costs will be from the parties in inverse chronological order from the date on which the oilfield site has been declared orphaned, except that a party will be exempt from liability for restoration of an orphaned oilfield site if the party meets certain requirements.

Proposed law reduces the restoration costs limitation from \$250,000 to \$50,000.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 30.93(A)(1) and (A)(3)(intro para))

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