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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Original Senate Bill  
No. 379 by Senator Hensgens

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 4, change "29(A)," to "29(A) and"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 24 On page 1, delete lines 5 and 6 and insert "101.5(A),127(A), 153(A), the introductory  
5 paragraph of"6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 8, after "and (10)" delete "and (B)"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 1, line 8, after "30:4(O)(3)," insert "85, and 101.6,"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 511 On page 1, line 11, after "department;" insert "to provide for powers and duties of the  
12 secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy; to provide for the office of state  
13 resources; to provide for leasing authority; to provide for instructions to the Louisiana Law  
14 Institute;"15 AMENDMENT NO. 6

16 On page 1, line 15, change "29(A)," to "29(A) and"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 7

18 On page 1, at the end of line 15, delete "101.5, 135, 149(B)," and delete line 16

19 AMENDMENT NO. 820 On page 1, at the beginning of line 17, delete "209.2(B), 209.3(A) and (E)," and insert  
21 "101.5(A), 127(A), 153(A),"22 AMENDMENT NO. 9

23 On page 12, line 1, after "and (10)" delete "and (B)"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 10

25 On page 10, delete lines 22 through 29 and on page 11, delete lines 1 and 2

26 AMENDMENT NO. 1127 On page 11, at the beginning of line 3, change "~~(3)~~ (9)" to "~~§85(A)(3)~~ (9)"28 AMENDMENT NO. 1229 On page 11, at the beginning of line 5, change "~~(4)~~ (10)" to "~~§85(A)(4)~~ (10)"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 13

2 On page 11, delete line 9 through 11

3 AMENDMENT NO. 14

4 On page 12, delete lines 15 through 20

5 AMENDMENT NO. 15

6 On page 12, at the beginning of line 21, change "~~(1) (4)~~" to "~~§101.6(A)(1) (4)~~"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 16

8 On page 12, at the beginning of line 24, change "~~(2) (5)~~" to "~~§101.6(A)(2) (5)~~"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 17

10 On page 12, at the beginning of line 28, change "~~(3) (6)~~" to "~~§101.6(A)(3) (6)~~"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 18

12 On page 13, at the beginning of line 1, change "~~(4) (7)~~" to "~~§101.6(A)(4) (7)~~"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 19

14 On page 13, at the beginning of line 3, change "~~(5) (8)~~" to "~~§101.6(A)(5) (8)~~"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 20

16 On page 13, at the beginning of line 6, change "~~(6) (9)~~" to "~~§101.6(A)(6) (9)~~"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 21

18 On page 13, delete lines 8 and 9

19 AMENDMENT NO. 22

20 On page 13, at the beginning of line 10, change "~~(8) (10)~~" to "~~§101.6(A)(8) (10)~~"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 23

22 On page 13, at the beginning of line 11, change "~~(9) (11)~~" to "~~§101.6(A)(9) (11)~~"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 24

24 On page 13, delete lines 15 through 29 and delete pages 14 through 17

25 AMENDMENT NO. 25

26 On page 18, delete lines 1 through 6, and insert:

27 "§127. Opening bids; minimum royalties; terms of lease; deposit; security

28 A.(1) Only those bidders who are registered prospective leaseholders with the  
29 office of mineral resources, or those who register within two business days after the  
30 lease sale at which the bid is opened and prior to the conditional issuance of the  
31 lease, shall be allowed to obtain a mineral lease from the state of Louisiana. Any  
32 bidder who is not properly registered with the office of mineral resources at the time  
33 bids are opened, but whose bid is otherwise acceptable, shall have until the end of  
34 the second business day following the date on which the bid was conditionally  
35 accepted by the State Mineral and Energy Board to become properly registered with

1 the office of mineral resources. If the bidder remains unregistered by the close of  
2 business of the second business day following the day the mineral lease sale at which  
3 the bid was conditionally accepted, the conditionally accepted bid shall be deemed  
4 rejected. The provisions of this Subsection shall also apply in cases where there is  
5 no more than one bid made by unregistered prospective leaseholders. Bids may be  
6 for the whole or any particularly described portion of land advertised. At the time  
7 and place mentioned in the advertisement for the consideration of bids, they shall be  
8 publicly opened. Bids received by the mineral board shall be opened at any state-  
9 owned buildings situated in the city in which the capitol is located. The mineral  
10 board has authority to accept the bid most advantageous to the state and may lease  
11 upon whatever terms it considers proper. However, the minimum royalties to be  
12 stipulated in any mineral lease, other than a mineral lease executed by or on behalf  
13 of a school board, shall be:

14 (1) (a) One-eighth of all oil and gas produced and saved.

15 (2) (b) One-eighth of the value per long ton of sulphur produced and saved  
16 which shall yield not less than two dollars per long ton.

17 (3) (c) One-eighth of the value per ton for all potash produced and saved,  
18 which shall yield not less than ten cents per ton.

19 (4) (d) Five percent of all lignite produced and saved.

20 (5) (e) Five percent of the value per ton on a dry salt basis for all salt  
21 produced and saved, which shall yield not less than ten cents per ton.

22 (6) (f) One-eighth of all other minerals produced and saved.

23 (2) **Notwithstanding provisions of Paragraph 1 of this Subsection to the**  
24 **contrary, State Mineral and Energy Board may authorize minimum royalties**  
25 **of less than one-eighth but greater than one-sixteenth upon a finding that market**  
26 **conditions, commodity prices, or other economic factors warrant royalty**  
27 **reduction.**

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29 §153. Agencies may lease or administer through State Mineral and Energy Board

30 A. Any agency may by resolution direct the State Mineral and Energy Board  
31 to lease or otherwise contract for the exploration, development, or use of its land **for**  
32 **the development and production of minerals, oil, gas, or alternative energy**  
33 **sources and for the purposes set forth in R.S 30:148.2.** The bonus money, if any,  
34 received pursuant to any such contract shall be transmitted by the State Mineral and  
35 Energy Board to the agency. After the execution of the original contract, all rights  
36 and authority in connection therewith shall be vested in the agency to the same extent  
37 as if the agency had itself administered and executed the contract.

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39 AMENDMENT NO. 26

40 On page 20, line 29, after "30:4(O)(3)" change "is" to ", 85 and 101.6 are"

41 AMENDMENT NO. 27

42 On page 21, after line 6, insert "Section 5. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby  
43 directed to change all references to the "office of mineral resources" to "office of state  
44 resources" throughout the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 except in the provisions of  
45 R.S. 30:124.1."