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DIGEST

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Present law establishes the Dept. of Conservation and Energy and provides for jurisdiction, duties, and powers of the department and the secretary. Provides for the office of mineral resources.

Proposed law retains present law and changes the office of mineral resources to the office of state resources, changes references to the former position of commissioner of conservation to the secretary of the Dept. of Conservation and Energy, and other technical corrections.

Proposed law authorizes the State Mineral and Energy Board to lease minimum royalties of less than 1/8th but greater than 1/16th upon a finding that market conditions, commodity prices, or other economic factors warrant the reduction.

Proposed law provides that the purposes the State Mineral and Energy Board may lease other agencies' land include development and production of minerals, oil, gas, or alternative energy sources and as provided in present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 30:3(7), 4(C)(14), (D)(1)(a) and (5), (G), and (I)(2), 5(C)(1), (C)(2) (intro para), and (6), and (D)(1), 5.1(A)(1) and (B)(1), 6.1(A) and (C), 23(D)(2), 26, 29(A) and (I)(4), 73(1), 74(A)(3) and (B), 98.3(B), 101.2(A), 101.5(A), 127(A), 153(A), 548(intro para), 917(F), 1110(C)(1)(f) and (g), and R.S. 36:357(A) and 358(B); adds R.S. 30:84(A)(9) and (10); repeals R.S. 30:4(O)(3), 85, and 101.6)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill

1. Authorizes the State Mineral and Energy Board to lease with less than a 1/8th royalty in certain circumstances.
2. Provides for the purposes the State Mineral and Energy Board to lease may other agencies' land.
3. Make technical changes.