
DIGEST

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Abstract: Moves the La. Geological Survey within the Energy Institute at La. State University (LSU), defines the responsibilities of the La. Geological Survey, and requires the office of state resources within the Dept. of Conservation and Energy to work cooperatively with the Energy Institute regarding state geological and energy data.

Present law establishes that the La. Geological Survey is to be located at LSU and that it is responsible for maintaining current geological surveys of the state.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the La. Geological Survey is to be located within the Energy Institute at LSU.

Present law requires the La. Geological Survey to coordinate with other state agencies as provided by present law.

Proposed law removes this language under present law and specifies that the La. Geological Survey is responsible for coordinating with the office of technology services, the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Dept. of Conservation and Energy, and the Natural Resources Commission regarding the storage and maintenance of state geologic data.

Proposed law authorizes the use of cooperative endeavor agreements to implement proposed law.

Present law establishes the office of state resources within the Dept. of Conservation and Energy and provides for the functions of the office.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the office of state resources to work in cooperation with the Center for Energy Studies at LSU regarding geological surveys and data and other energy-related data.

Proposed law removes this requirement and instead requires the office to work cooperatively with the Energy Institute at LSU.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:1492 and R.S. 36:358(E)(2) and (G))