

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 493 (SB 331)

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Existing law creates the Natural and Scenic Rivers System to protect, conserve, and replenish state water bodies and designates certain rivers, streams, and bayous that are part of the system.

Existing law prohibits channelization, clearing and snagging, channel realignment and reservoir construction on water bodies in the system.

New law creates certain exceptions and prohibitions for the portion of the West Pearl River and tributaries lying between Lock 1 and the Rigolets, from August 1, 2026, to August 1, 2031.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 56:1855(Q))