

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law establishes that the La. Geological Survey is to be located at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) and that it is responsible for maintaining current geological surveys of the state.

New law additionally provides that the La. Geological Survey is to be located within the Energy Institute at LSU.

Prior law required the La. Geological Survey to coordinate with other state agencies as provided by existing law.

New law 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.

New law authorizes the use of cooperative endeavor agreements to implement new law.

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

Prior law required 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.

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

Effective upon signature of governor (May 22, 2026).

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