

**ACT No. 248**

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:961(E), relative to cooperative endeavor agreements for the withdrawal of surface water; to extend the time for entering cooperative endeavor agreements for withdrawal of surface water; to provide for terms, conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:961(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§961. Cooperative endeavor agreements; withdrawal of surface water; intent

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E.(1) A cooperative endeavor agreement to withdraw running surface water, or an assignment of such, entered into pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall have an initial term not to exceed two years. No new cooperative endeavor agreement shall be entered into for which an application was received by the department after December 31, ~~2016~~ 2018; however, except as otherwise provided in this Subsection, existing agreements may be renewed in two-year increments but shall terminate no later than December 31, 2020.

(2) A person or entity who has entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement to withdraw running surface waters or has obtained an assignment of such, may terminate such agreement after December 31, ~~2016~~ 2018. In order to be

