

SENATE BILL NO. 132

BY SENATOR WHITE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:1855(M)(2) and to enact R.S. 56:1855(O), relative to the Louisiana Scenic Rivers Act; to provide for certain natural and scenic rivers; to provide exceptions for certain uses on the Amite River, West Pearl River, Tangipahoa River, Tchefuncte River, Bogue Falaya River, Abita River, Comite River, and Bayou Manchac; to provide terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:1855(M)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:1855(O) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1855. Exceptions

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(2) Notwithstanding other provisions of R.S. 56:1853, **clearing and snagging, and dredging operations for drainage purposes, in Bayou Manchac shall be permitted by the department. Any such permit shall be issued in accordance with the requirements and procedures provided for in R.S. 56:1849.**

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O. Notwithstanding other provisions of R.S. 56:1853, clearing and snagging, and dredging operations conducted or contracted for by a political subdivision, the state, or federal government for drainage purposes in the Amite River, Tangipahoa River, West Pearl River, Tchefuncte River, Bogue Falaya

1 River, Abita River, and Comite River shall be permitted by the department in
2 accordance with the requirements and procedures provided for in R.S. 56:1849.

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2018.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____