

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law prohibits all local political subdivisions from regulating watercraft in any respect with some exceptions provided for in existing law.

New law authorizes any water conservation board with a jurisdiction including a parish with a population between 190,000 and 135,000 and one other adjacent parish with a population between 30,000 and 26,000, both based on the latest federal decennial census, to regulate or prohibit the operation of any vessel on, or on any area inundated by, a lake located on the border of one of the parishes within the board's jurisdiction when that body of water is above flood stage.

New law specifies that any regulation or prohibition adopted pursuant to new law does not apply to law enforcement, the National Guard, or any rescue or disaster relief organization in the exercise of their duty.

New law also requires a public hearing be held prior to the adoption of any ordinance pursuant to new law.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.27(A); Adds R.S. 38:2758)