

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

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

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Updates the classifications within the state highway system

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:191(A)(introductory paragraph), (B), and (C) and 228 and to  
3 enact R.S. 48:191(A)(1)(g) and (2)(g), relative to the state highway system; to  
4 provide two additional classifications to the state highway system; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 48:191(A)(introductory paragraph), (B), and (C) and 228 are hereby  
8 amended and reenacted and R.S. 48:191(A)(1)(g) and (2)(g) are hereby enacted to read as  
9 follows:

10 §191. State highway system; length; designation

11 A. There is hereby created and established a system of state highways which  
12 shall consist of ~~twelve~~ fourteen functional classifications as follows:

13 (1) Urban highways described as:

14 \* \* \*

15 (g) Urban-minor.

16 (2) Rural highways described as:

17 \* \* \*

18 (g) Rural-principal arterial-other freeways and expressways.

19 B. The total length of the ~~twelve~~ fourteen functional systems shall not exceed  
20 sixteen thousand six hundred seventy-five miles, and the additional length permitted

1           herein is allowed solely for the purpose of adjustments that might become necessary  
2           from time to time within the sole discretion of the secretary, working in conjunction  
3           with the police juries or municipalities.

4                     C. The location of all highways in the functional systems established hereby  
5           may be altered and amended by the secretary to such an extent and in such a manner  
6           as may be necessary for the purpose of meeting any requirements in order to obtain  
7           federal aid for road construction in Louisiana. The system of state highways created  
8           hereby shall consist of the above ~~twelve~~ fourteen functional systems and the  
9           department shall maintain its current description in conformance with the same.

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11           §228. Functional classification of state highways; current highway standards and  
12                     continuing needs study by department; cost estimates presented to legislature

13                     The department shall divide the roads comprising the state highway system  
14           into ~~twelve~~ fourteen functional classifications, as provided in R.S. 48:191, and shall  
15           establish current standards for their functional classification. It shall undertake a  
16           continuing study of the needs of the various highways for the purpose of bringing  
17           existing highways up to current standards or for replacement of existing highways  
18           where required, and shall keep the information so developed up-to-date through a  
19           continuing annual needs study. The department shall provide the legislature with an  
20           estimate of present day costs of bringing the various highways up to the standard of  
21           the functional classification to which each highway is assigned.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds two additional classifications to the state highway system.

Present law provides that the system of state highways must consist of 12 functional classifications divided into two categories: Urban and Rural. The Urban classifications are described as: urban-principal arterial-interstate, urban-principal arterial-other freeways and expressways, urban-principal arterial-other, urban-minor arterial, urban-collector, and urban-local. The Rural classifications are described as: rural-principal arterial-interstate, rural-

principal arterial-other, rural-minor arterial, rural-major collector, rural-minor collector, and rural-local.

Proposed law increases the amount of classifications from 12 to 14 by adding Urban-minor to the Urban classification and Rural-principal arterial-other freeways and expressways to the Rural classification.

(Amends R.S. 48:191(A)(intro. para.), (B), and (C) and 228; Adds R.S. 48:191(A)(1)(g) and (2)(g))