
DIGEST

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HB 448 Original

2023 Regular Session

Riser

Appropriates \$9,388,436.06, plus applicable interest, out of the State General Fund (Direct) for FY 22-23 for payment of the payment of the judgment captioned "Steve Crooks and Era Lea Crooks versus State of Louisiana, through the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources", signed on May 15, 2017, bearing Number 224,262, on the docket of the Ninth Judicial District Court, parish of Rapides, state of Louisiana, as modified by the judgment of the third circuit court of appeals bearing Number 17-750, as further modified by the state supreme court judgment bearing Number 2019-C-0160.

Further provides that of the amount appropriated pursuant to proposed law, an amount equal to the sum of \$4,694,309.68 is payable for oil and gas royalties attributable to the mineral production from the river banks between May 2003 and the date of trial; the sum of \$353,297.34 is payable for expert witness fees; the sum of \$89,067.45 is payable for miscellaneous costs; and interest on all such sums is payable from the date of judicial demand until paid as provided by law and the judgment.

Further directs the state treasurer to deposit the amount appropriated pursuant proposed law into the registry of the court for the Ninth Judicial District Court, Parish of Rapides.

Proposed law provides relative to payment. Provides relative to conflicts between the judgment and proposed law. Prohibits accrual of interest on the judgment as of the effective date of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.