

SENATE BILL NO. 22

BY SENATOR WOMACK

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. 3:1251 and to repeal R.S. 3:1252, 1253, 1254, and 1255, relative to soil conservation policy; to repeal provisions requiring Louisiana State University to administer federal soil conservation policy; to remove inactive programs; to provide for technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:1251 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1251. Adoption of federal soil conservation policy

A. It is hereby recognized and declared, as a matter of legislative determination that the public welfare of this state requires the cooperation of this state with other states and with the federal government in the accomplishment of the policy declared by the Congress of the United States in the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, and particularly in Section 7(a) thereof, ~~to-wit~~ **including**:

- (1) ~~preservation~~ **Preservation** and improvement of soil fertility;
- (2) ~~promotion~~ **Promotion** of the economic use and conservation of land;
- (3) ~~diminution~~ **Diminution** of exploitation and wasteful and unscientific use of national soil resources;
- (4) ~~the~~ **The** protection of rivers and harbors against the result of soil erosion in aid of maintaining the navigability of waters and water courses and in aid of flood control; ~~and,~~

~~(5) re-establishment, at as rapid a rate as the Secretary of Agriculture determines to be practicable and in the general public interest, of the ratio between the purchasing power of the net income per person on farms and that of the income per person not on farms that prevailed during the five-year period August 1909--July 1914, inclusive, as determined from statistics available in the United States Department of Agriculture and the maintenance of such ratio. The powers conferred~~

1            ~~under Sections 7 to 14, inclusive, of this Act shall be used to assist voluntary action~~  
2            ~~calculated to effectuate the purposes specified in this section. Such powers shall not~~  
3            ~~be used to discourage the production of supplies of foods and fibers sufficient to~~  
4            ~~maintain normal domestic human consumption as determined by the Secretary from~~  
5            ~~the records of domestic human consumption in the years 1920 to 1929, inclusive,~~  
6            ~~taking into consideration increased population, quantities of any commodity that~~  
7            ~~were forced into domestic consumption by decline in exports during such period,~~  
8            ~~current trend in domestic consumption and exports of particular commodities, and~~  
9            ~~the quantities of substitutes available for domestic consumption within any general~~  
10           ~~class of food commodities. In carrying out the purpose of this section due regard~~  
11           ~~shall be given to the maintenance of a continuous and stable supply of agricultural~~  
12           ~~commodities adequate to meet consumer demand at prices fair to both producers and~~  
13           ~~consumers.~~

14                    **B.** The Legislature of the State of Louisiana therefore accepts the provisions  
15                    and requirements of the said Act, and adopts the policy thereof as the policy of the  
16                    State of Louisiana and the purposes thereof as the purposes of this Part.

17                    Section 2. R.S. 3:1252, 1253, 1254, and 1255 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

18                    Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
19                    signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
20                    by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
21                    vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
22                    effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_