

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law (Sunset) provided that the Dept. of Environmental Quality and all the statutory entities made a part of that department by law must begin to terminate their operations on July 1, 2026, and that all legislative authority for such entities would cease on July 1, 2027, unless the legislature enacted a bill authorizing the re-creation of the department and its statutory entities prior thereto.

New law provides for the general re-creation of the Dept. of Environmental Quality and its statutory entities effective June 30, 2026, in accordance with the "sunset" law.

New law supersedes the provisions of the "sunset" law which sets out the procedure for review and re-creation and which requires a separate bill to re-create each statutory entity within the department along with additional provisions.

New law makes July 1, 2031, the new termination date and requires the termination of operations beginning July 1, 2030, unless the department is re-created again.

Effective June 30, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 49:191(3)(b); Repeals R.S. 49:191(1)(j))