

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To extend the sunset of the Lake Providence Watershed Council until December 31, 2018.

WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 115 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature created the Lake Providence Watershed Council; and

WHEREAS, the resolution required the council to "produce a report that will identify, review, and evaluate management strategies to facilitate the goal of improving the aquatic habitat of Lake Providence; to provide recommendations for the optimal management and protection of the resources within the Lake Providence watershed"; and

WHEREAS, the resolution further required "that the report shall be submitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality no later than May 1, 2016, and that unless the Lake Providence Watershed Council is extended by further action of the Louisiana Legislature, it shall cease to exist December 31, 2016"; and

WHEREAS, continued study is necessary to identify the problems, determine solutions, and implement remedies to restore, preserve, and enhance the health and sustainability of the Lake Providence watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Providence Watershed Council shall submit a report to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality no later than May 1, 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature does hereby require the Lake Providence Watershed Council to report its findings to the proper legislative committees no later than May 1, 2018, and extend the sunset on the council until December 31, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of agriculture and forestry, the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the East Carroll Parish Police Jury, the East Carroll Parish Sheriff, and the mayor of the city of Lake Providence.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES