## SLS 17RS-377

## ENGROSSED

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 132

BY SENATOR WHITE

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

WATER/WATERWAYS. Provides an exception for portions of the Comite River, Amite River, and Bayou Manchac from provisions of the natural and scenic rivers program. (8/1/17)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:1855(M)(2) and to enact R.S. 56:1855(O), relative to the
3	Louisiana Scenic Rivers Act; to provide for certain natural and scenic rivers; to
4	provide exceptions for certain uses on the Amite River, Comite River, and Bayou
5	Manchac; to provide terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related
6	matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 56:1855(M)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9	56:1855(O) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§1855. Exceptions
11	* * *
12	M.(1) * * * *
13	(2) Notwithstanding other provisions of R.S. 56:1853, clearing and
14	snagging, and dredging operations for drainage purposes, in Bayou Manchac shall
15	be permitted by the department. Any such permit shall be issued in accordance with
16	the requirements and procedures provided for in R.S. 56:1849.
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1	O. Notwithstanding other provisions of R.S. 56:1853, clearing and
2	snagging, and dredging operations for drainage purposes, in Amite River and
3	Comite River shall be permitted by the department. Any such permit shall be
4	issued in accordance with the requirements and procedures provided for in R.S.
5	<u>56:1849.</u>

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

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<u>Present law</u> provides for prohibited uses on certain rivers in the Louisiana Scenic Rivers Act. Further provides that the prohibited uses are channelization, clearing and snagging, channel realignment, and reservoir construction.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows for the permitting of clearing and snagging, and dredging operations for drainage purposes, in Comite River, Amite River, and Bayou Manchac.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 56:1855(M)(2); adds R.S. 56:1855(O))