

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 192

BY SENATOR CHABERT

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

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Provides relative to state symbols. (8/1/19)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:155(C) and 155.7, relative to state symbols; to designate "Jambalaya (On The Bayou)" by Hank Williams Sr. as an official state song; to designate the Cajun waltz as an official state dance; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:155(C) and 155.7 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§155. State song

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C. The official state song for the state of Louisiana shall also be the musical composition with words and music by Hank Williams Sr. entitled "Jambalaya (On The Bayou)"; the words reading as follows:

Verses:

- Good-bye Joe, me gotta go, me oh my oh***
- Me gotta go pole the pirogue down the bayou***
- My Yvonne, the sweetest one, me oh my oh***
- Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou***

1 *Jambalaya and a crawfish pie and filet gumbo*

2 *'Cause tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher amio*

3 *Pick guitar, fill fruit jar and be gay-o*

4 *Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou*

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6 *Thibodaux, Fontaineaux, the place is buzzing*

7 *Kinfolk come to see Yvonne by the dozen*

8 *Dress in style and go hog wild, me oh my oh*

9 *Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou*

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11 *Jambalaya and a crawfish pie and filet gumbo*

12 *'Cause tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher amio*

13 *Pick guitar, fill fruit jar and be gay-o*

14 *Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou*

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16 *Jambalaya and a crawfish pie and filet gumbo*

17 *'Cause tonight I'm gonna see my ma cher amio*

18 *Pick guitar, fill fruit jar and be gay-o*

19 *Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the bayou*

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21 **§155.7. State dance**

22 **There shall be an official state dance. The official state dance shall be**
23 **the Cajun waltz.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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Present law designates "Give Me Louisiana" and "You Are My Sunshine" as official state songs of the state of Louisiana.

Proposed law retains present law and adds "Jambalaya (On The Bayou)" as an additional official state song.

Proposed law designates the Cajun waltz as an official state dance.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Adds R.S. 49:155(C) and 155.7)