

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 117

BY SENATOR HENSGENS AND REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN

SUNSET LAW. Re-creates the Department of Natural Resources. (6/30/20)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(12)(b) and repeal R.S. 49:191(9)(e), relative to the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Natural Resources and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, the Department of Natural Resources and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be re-created effective June 30, 2020, and all statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of the Department of Natural Resources and the statutory entities made a part of the department as re-created by Section 1 of this Act shall cease as of July 1, 2025, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However, the Department of Natural Resources may be re-created prior to such date in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that

1 those provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

2 Section 4. R.S. 49:191(12)(b) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

3 §191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities;  
4 phase-out period for statutory entities; table of dates

5 Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the  
6 legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their  
7 operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority  
8 for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of  
9 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

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11 (12) July 1, 2024:

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13 **(b) The Department of Natural Resources and all statutory entities made**  
14 **a part of the department by law.**

15 Section 5. R.S. 49:191(9)(e) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

16 Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2020; if vetoed by the  
17 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on  
18 June 30, 2020, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tyler S. McCloud.

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DIGEST

SB 117 Engrossed

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Present law requires the Dept. of Natural Resources to terminate one year from July 1, 2020, and to begin termination on July 1, 2020, unless legislation is enacted to re-create the department prior to that date.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Natural Resources to terminate on July 1, 2024, and to begin the process of terminating on July 1, 2024. Supersedes provisions of "Sunset Law" requiring certain procedures for re-creation and a separate bill to re-create each statutory entity within the department.

Effective June 30, 2020.

(Adds R.S. 49:191(12)(b); repeals R.S. 49:191(9)(e))