

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 621

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE

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

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Establishes the Louisiana Highway Construction Authority

## 1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part IX of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be  
3 comprised of R.S. 49:220.51 through 220.56, relative to the Louisiana Highway  
4 Construction Authority, to create the Louisiana Highway Construction Authority; to  
5 establish legislative intent; to provide for its authority and purpose; to provide  
6 definitions; to designate certain powers and duties; to provide for its organization;  
7 to provide for funding; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. Part IX of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
11 comprised of R.S. 49:220.51 through 220.56, are hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 PART IX. LOUISIANA HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY13 §220.51. Louisiana Highway Construction Authority; creation

14 It is the intent of the legislature to take necessary steps to accelerate the  
15 efficient maintenance, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and improvement of  
16 our state highways and bridges.

17 §220.52. Definitions

18 As used in this Part, the following term shall have meanings ascribed to them  
19 below:

20 "Authority" means the Louisiana Highway Construction Authority".

1        §220.53. Powers, duties, and responsibilities

2                The authority shall have distinct powers, duties, and responsibilities, designed  
3        to improve planning for the transportation needs of the public.

4        §220.54. Personnel

5                There shall be personnel to support the mission of the Louisiana Highway  
6        Construction Authority to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office.

7        §220.55. Funding

8                The authority shall seek avenues to secure resources for the planning and  
9        construction of transportation efforts in the state.

10       §220.56 State department

11               The department shall work in conjunction with the authority on all projects  
12       and plans pertaining to transportation needs in the state.

13       Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
17 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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HB 621 Original

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**Abstract:** Establishes the Louisiana Highway Construction Authority.

Proposed law specifies that it is the intent of the legislature to take necessary steps to accelerate the efficient maintenance, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and improvement of our state highway and bridges.

Proposed law defines "authority" as the La. Highway Construction Authority.

Proposed law authorizes the authority to have distinct powers, duties, and responsibilities designed to improve planning for the transportation needs of the public.

Proposed law creates personnel to support the mission of the La. Hwy. Construction Authority to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office.

Proposed law requires the authority to seek avenues to secure resources for the planning and construction of transportation efforts in the state.

Proposed law requires the DOTD to work in conjunction with the authority on all projects and plans pertaining to transportation needs in the state.

Effective upon the signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S.49:220.51 through 220.56)