

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 221

BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS, AMEDEE, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, GLORIOSO, HENRY, HORTON, JACOB LANDRY, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MUSCARELLO, OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, WILDER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE

HIGHWAYS/INTERSTATE: Designates the new bridge to be constructed over the Mississippi River connecting Louisiana Highway 1 and Louisiana Highway 30 as the "President Donald J. Trump Expressway"

1 AN ACT

2 To designate the new Mississippi River bridge as the "President Donald J. Trump
3 Expressway"; to provide for implementation; to provide for effectiveness; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. The new bridge to be built across the Mississippi River, connecting
7 Louisiana Highway 1 to Louisiana Highway 30 shall be known and is hereby designated as
8 the "President Donald J. Trump Expressway".

9 Section 2. The Department of Transportation and Development or its contractors are
10 hereby directed to erect and maintain appropriate signage reflecting this designation once
11 the bridge is constructed, provided local or private monies are received by the department
12 equal to the department's actual cost for material, fabrication, mounting posts, and
13 installation of the signage, not to exceed the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars per sign.

14 Section 3. This Act shall become effective if and when the federal government
15 provides a substantial amount of funding for construction of the bridge, but only if such
16 funding is provided prior to noon on January 20, 2029.

DIGEST

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HB 221 Reengrossed

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Designates the new Mississippi River bridge connecting La. Hwy. 1 to La. Hwy. 30 as the "President Donald J. Trump Expressway".

Specifies that proposed law will become effective if and when the federal government provides a substantial amount of funding for construction of the bridge, but only if such funding is provided prior to noon on Jan. 20, 2029.

Directs the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to erect and maintain appropriate signage reflecting this designation once the bridge is constructed, provided local or private monies are received by the DOTD equal to its actual cost for material, fabrication, mounting posts, and installation of the signage, not to exceed the sum of \$750 per sign.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House**The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:**

1. Make technical changes
2. Provide that the effectiveness of proposed law is contingent upon funding from the federal government for the construction of the bridge by Noon on January 20, 2029.