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DIGEST

Perry (SB 119)

Present law provides that in order to allow the individual lessee to lease lands from the state in preference to syndicated landholders or corporations, no lease will cover a larger area than 640 acres of public land, which area must be contiguous. Further provides that no lessee may own more than one such lease at one time.

Proposed law provides that provisions of present law will not apply to leases of lands administered, controlled or managed by the DWF.

Present law provides relative to leases of public lands generally, including term, payment of consideration, construction of improvements, and requirements and time periods for extension of leases. Excludes port authorities of the state, and has special provisions relating to lease of sixteenth section school lands for agricultural purposes, and access to public waterways.

Proposed law retains present law, and adds that leases or extensions of leases on lands administered, controlled or managed by DWF shall require that the rental payments be adjusted annually by an amount not less than the annual percentage increase in the CPI for all Urban Consumers, United States City Average, as published by the United States Dept. of Labor, for the preceding calendar year.

Present law provides if the commissioner or secretary determines there exists a public need to maintain the current lessee, the commissioner or secretary may offer the current lessee, if he made a bid, the option to match the highest bid in order to lease the state lands. Also provides that this shall not apply to oyster leases, alligator leases, or oil and gas leases entered into by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or to any lease entered into by the State Mineral and Energy Board. Proposed law retains present law and adds that this offer to the current lessee procedure shall apply to lessees who held a lease with another party, which lease was subsequently transferred to the state.
Effective June 23, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 41:1216 and 1217.1(B) and R.S. 56:30.3(B); adds R.S. 41:1217(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill.

1. Added that leases or extensions of leases on DWF lands shall require that rental payments be adjusted annually by an amount not less than the CPI.
2. Added that present law procedure for offer to current lessee shall apply to lessees who held a lease with another party, which lease was subsequently transferred to the state.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Makes technical changes.