

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
House Bill No. 719 By Representative Howard

May 30, 2013

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 719 by Representative Howard, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That Amendment No. 1 proposed by the Legislature Bureau and adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2013 by adopted.
2. That Amendments No. 2 and 3 proposed by the Legislative Bureau and adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2013 by rejected.
3. That the Senate Committee Amendment proposed by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2013 be rejected.
4. That the following amendments to the Engrossed Bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 19, after "Reservoir" insert "and in Lake D'Arbonne"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 27 and 28 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"of Paragraph (A)(5) of this Section as it applies to Lake D'Arbonne and Paragraph (B)(3) of this Section."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Frank A. Howard

Senator Gerald Long

Representative Gordon Dove

Senator Francis Thompson

Representative James K. Armes

Senator Barrow Peacock

 DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

FISHING/RECREATIONAL: Provides relative to a possession limit for crappie taken from Toledo Bend Reservoir on a recreational fishing license

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Make technical changes

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Made technical changes
2. Limited the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to consideration of recommendations by the department based on biological data compiled by the department when making decisions as to size limits, daily and possession limits, seasons, and times for taking.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Prohibit the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission from altering by administrative rule the 50 crappie daily take limit on Lake D'Arbonne.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides daily take limits and possession limits for freshwater recreational fishing. The possession limits are two times the daily take limits. Further authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to amend by rule size limits, daily take limits, possession limits, seasons, and times.

Present law provides for a 50-per-day take limit for crappie (locally known as white perch or sac-au-lait) and a 100-fish possession limit. Proposed law removes the commission's authority to amend by rule the daily take or possession limit for crappie caught on Lake D'Arbonne.

Proposed law provides for a possession limit of 100 crappie taken on a recreational license on Toledo Bend Reservoir and removes the commission's authority to amend by rule the possession limits for crappie caught on a recreational license in Toledo Bend Reservoir.

Proposed law further prohibits the possession of freshwater fish filets on the water except allows a two-pound per person limit for the purpose of cooking on the vessel.

(Amends R.S. 56:325(A)(11) and (12), (B), (C), and (D); Adds R.S. 56:325(E); Repeals R.S. 56:315(A)(13))