

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1072

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY BROWN

WILDLIFE/REFUGES: Authorizes two or more parishes to create a game and fish preserve when the preserve is located in multiple parishes

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:721 and 722(A), relative to parish game and fish preserves;  
3 to authorize two or more parish governing authorities to establish a game and fish  
4 preserve when the preserve is located in multiple adjoining parishes; to provide for  
5 terms, conditions, requirements, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:721 and 722(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §721. Authorization

10 A. Any parish may by formal resolution of its governing authority establish,  
11 maintain, and operate game and fish preserves, upon lands or waterbodies wholly  
12 located within ~~in~~ the parish.

13 B. Parish governing authorities may together, upon unanimous consent and  
14 formal resolutions establish, maintain, and operate game and fish preserves  
15 composed of contiguous lands or waterbodies shared by two or more adjoining  
16 parishes.

17 §722. Game and fish commission; rules and regulations

18 A.(1)(a) The governing authority of a parish may appoint a commission  
19 composed of citizens and taxpayers of the parish, whose term shall be concurrent

1 with that of the governing authority appointing, who serve without compensation,  
2 to be known as the \_\_\_\_\_ game and fish commission.

3 (b) For game and fish commissions established by multiple adjoining  
4 parishes under the authority of R.S. 56:721, the governing authority of each parish  
5 may appoint a commission composed of citizens and taxpayers from the affected  
6 parishes, whose term shall be concurrent with that of the governing authority  
7 appointing, who serve without compensation, to be known as the \_\_\_\_\_  
8 game and fish commission. Each parish shall have proportional representation on  
9 the commission based on the proportion of the game and fish preserve located in  
10 each parish, unless some other composition is unanimously adopted by formal  
11 resolution of each parish governing authority.

12 (2) The commission may make rules and regulations for the government,  
13 regulation, and control of the preserve and for the conservation, protection, and  
14 propagation of game and fish in the preserve, provided that such rules and  
15 regulations shall be finally approved, adopted, and promulgated by the Louisiana  
16 Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes multiple parishes to join together to form game and fish preserves located in those parishes.

Present law authorizes any parish to establish, maintain, and operate a game and fish preserve in the parish.

Proposed law authorizes parish governing authorities to establish, maintain, and operate game and fish preserves composed of contiguous lands or waterbodies shared by two or more adjoining parishes.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of a parish to appoint a commission composed of citizens and taxpayers of the parish, whose term is concurrent with the governing authority appointing, and who serve without compensation.

Proposed law authorizes the appointing of a commission with members appointed by the governing authority of each parish composed of citizens and taxpayers from those parishes, whose term will be concurrent with that of the governing authority appointing, and who serve without compensation. Further requires that each parish have proportional representation on that commission based on the proportion of the game and fish preserve located in each parish, unless some other composition is unanimously adopted by formal resolution of each parish governing authority.

(Amends R.S. 56:721 and 722(A))