

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 273

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the heading of Part III-E of Title 19 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
3 of 1950 and R.S. 19:134 and 134.1(A), relative to expropriation; to provide for the  
4 acquisition of property for the cities of Lake Charles and Sulphur; to provide for  
5 limitations; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. The heading of Part III-E of Title 19 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
11 of 1950 and R.S. 19:134 and 134.1(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 PART III-E. EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY BY  
13 A DECLARATION OF TAKING BY PARISH OF CALCASIEU,  
14 ~~AND THE CITY~~ CITIES OF LAKE CHARLES AND SULPHUR

15 §134. Property, governing authority defined

16 As used in this Part, the term "property" means any portion of immovable  
17 property, including servitudes, rights-of-way, and other rights in or to immovable  
18 property, where there are no buildings or structures for support or shelter; the term  
19 "governing authority" means the governing authority of the parish of Calcasieu or  
20 the ~~city~~ cities of Lake Charles or Sulphur.

1 §134.1. Authority to expropriate; acquisition of property for street, drainage, water,  
2 utility, or sewerage projects prior to judgment

3 A. When the governing authority cannot amicably acquire property needed  
4 by the parish of Calcasieu or the ~~city~~ cities of Lake Charles or Sulphur for a street,  
5 drainage, water, utility, or sewerage project, it may acquire the same by  
6 expropriation and may acquire the property prior to judgment in the trial court fixing  
7 the amount of compensation due to the owner of the property.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_