

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 527

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER

WATER/RESOURCES: Prohibits certain uses of surface water from a scenic river

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:961(L), relative to management of surface water; to prohibit the  
3 withdrawal of water from a natural and scenic river for certain purposes; to prohibit  
4 certain cooperative endeavor agreements with the secretary of the Department of  
5 Natural Resources; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:961(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §961. Cooperative endeavor agreements; withdrawal of surface water; intent

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10 L. Withdrawal of water from a river, or segments of a river, designated as  
11 a natural and scenic river pursuant to R.S. 56:1847 for the purpose of conducting  
12 hydraulic fracturing stimulation for the exploration or production of hydrocarbons  
13 is hereby prohibited. The secretary shall not authorize the withdrawal nor shall he  
14 enter into any cooperative endeavor agreement that authorizes the withdrawal of  
15 water from such rivers or river segments for such purpose provided for in this  
16 Subsection.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the withdrawal of water from a natural and scenic river for the purpose of hydraulic fracturing.

Present law allows a person or entity to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources to withdraw running surface water.

Proposed law prohibits the withdrawal of water from a natural and scenic river for the purpose of hydraulic fracturing. Proposed law prohibits the secretary from entering into cooperative endeavor agreements for such withdrawals.

(Adds R.S. 30:961(L))