

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3392

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## AN ACT

To provide for stability of title to certain land in the State  
of Louisiana, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lake Bistineau Land  
3 Title Stability Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

5 The purpose of this Act is to direct the Secretary of  
6 the Interior to issue a recordable disclaimer of interest of  
7 the United States in and to—

8 (1) any land described in paragraphs (1) and  
9 (2) of subsection (a) of section 4 that is located out-  
10 side the record meander lines of the Original Survey  
11 described in that subsection; and

12 (2) any omitted land.

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this Act:

15 (1) OMITTED LAND.—The term “omitted land”  
16 means any land in S30–T16N–R10W, including ad-  
17 jacent islands and the meander lines of the water  
18 body, that was in place during the Original Survey,  
19 but that was not included in the Original Survey, re-  
20 gardless of whether the exclusion of the land was  
21 due to gross error in the Original Survey or fraud  
22 by any individual conducting the Original Survey.

23 (2) ORIGINAL SURVEY.—The term “Original  
24 Survey” means the survey of land in northern Lou-  
25 isiana approved by the Surveyor General on Decem-  
26 ber 8, 1842.

1           (3) RESURVEY.—The term “Resurvey” means  
2           the document entitled “Dependent Re-Survey, Ex-  
3           tension Survey and Survey of Two Islands, Sections  
4           17, 29, and 30”, which was completed on November  
5           24, 1967, approved on January 15, 1969, and pub-  
6           lished in the Federal Register on February 27, 1969  
7           (34 Fed. Reg. 2677).

8           (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
9           the Secretary of the Interior.

10 **SEC. 4. MEANDER LINES; RECORDABLE DISCLAIMER OF IN-**  
11 **TEREST.**

12           (a) MEANDER LINES.—The meander lines in the  
13 Original Survey are definitive for purposes of determining  
14 title to—

- 15           (1) the land in S30–T16N–R10W; and  
16           (2) the 2 islands adjacent to the land described  
17 in paragraph (1).

18           (b) RECORDABLE DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST.—

19           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prepare  
20 a recordable disclaimer of interest in which the  
21 United States conveys and disclaims any right, title,  
22 or interest of the United States in and to—

- 23           (A) any land described in paragraphs (1)  
24           and (2) of subsection (a) that is located outside

1           the recorded meander lines described in that  
2           subsection; and

3                   (B) any omitted land.

4           (2) FILING.—The Secretary shall record the  
5           disclaimer of interest prepared under paragraph (1)  
6           in the appropriate local office in the State of Lou-  
7           isiana in which real property documents are re-  
8           corded.

9           (3) INCLUSIONS.—The disclaimer of interest  
10          filed under paragraph (2) shall include legal descrip-  
11          tions of the land subject to the disclaimer of interest  
12          using the lot or tract numbers included in the Re-  
13          survey.

Passed the House of Representatives June 25, 2018.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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