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[Report No. 115-]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Natural Resources

APRIL --, 2018

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 25, 2017]

A BILL

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Lake Bistineau Land*
5 *Title Stability Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

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

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

14 *(2) any omitted land.*

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

16 *In this Act:*

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

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

5 (3) *RESURVEY.*—*The term “Resurvey” means the*
6 *document entitled “Dependent Re-Survey, Extension*
7 *Survey and Survey of Two Islands, Sections 17, 29,*
8 *and 30”, which was completed on November 24, 1967,*
9 *approved on January 15, 1969, and published in the*
10 *Federal Register on February 27, 1969 (34 Fed. Reg.*
11 *2677).*

12 (4) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
13 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

14 **SEC. 4. MEANDER LINES; RECORDABLE DISCLAIMER OF IN-**
15 **TEREST.**

16 (a) *MEANDER LINES.*—*The meander lines in the*
17 *Original Survey are definitive for purposes of determining*
18 *title to—*

19 (1) *the land in S30–T16N–R10W; and*

20 (2) *the 2 islands adjacent to the land described*
21 *in paragraph (1).*

22 (b) *RECORDABLE DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST.*—

23 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall prepare a*
24 *recordable disclaimer of interest in which the United*

1 *States conveys and disclaims any right, title, or in-*
2 *terest of the United States in and to—*

3 *(A) any land described in paragraphs (1)*
4 *and (2) of subsection (a) that is located outside*
5 *the recorded meander lines described in that sub-*
6 *section; and*

7 *(B) any omitted land.*

8 *(2) FILING.—The Secretary shall record the dis-*
9 *claimer of interest prepared under paragraph (1) in*
10 *the appropriate local office in the State of Louisiana*
11 *in which real property documents are recorded.*

12 *(3) INCLUSIONS.—The disclaimer of interest filed*
13 *under paragraph (2) shall include legal descriptions*
14 *of the land subject to the disclaimer of interest using*
15 *the lot or tract numbers included in the Resurvey.*