

Present law defines just and equitable share of recoverable oil or gas and provides that each producer gets an opportunity to use that share of production.

Proposed law retains present law and adds production of brine to the just and equitable share.

Present law provides that pooling orders account for the just and equitable share of oil or gas production for each owner and that the commissioner may limit production of oil and gas among fields or pools.

Proposed law retains present law and production of brine.

Present law provides that where a unit includes lands to which an operator or producer has no mineral interest, the operator or producer must provide production reports for oil and gas. Provides for penalties for failure to report.

Proposed law retains present law and adds production of brine to reporting requirements.

Present law provides substances to which the Mineral Code applies.

Proposed law retains present law and adds brine to applicability.
Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 30:3(2), (10), (11), (12), (16)(a), 5(C)(2), 9(B) and (D), 10(A)(1)(a), 11, 103.1(A)(intro para), 103.1(A)(2)(a), and (C), and 103.2 and R.S. 31:4 and adds R.S. 30:2.1, 3(18), (19), and (20) and 4(C)(18), (19), and (20))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Provides for ownership of brine produced in oil and gas operations.
3. Provides that "product" includes any commodity or product made from brine or any of its component parts.
4. Provides that "brine" includes all its constituent parts, minerals, elements, compounds, or substances produced with the brine.
5. Provides that drinking water and solution mining sources are not "brine".
6. Changes the term "extraction" to "production".

7. Provides that "brine production operations" includes reinjection of brine.
8. Provides that the commissioner of conservation has authority to regulate brine production operations.
9. Provides that approval of unit operations orders for brine production only requires three quarters of the owners of a particular interest and that such approval is evidenced by written contract, filed with the office of conservation on or before the hearing date.