

Regular Session, 2011
HOUSE BILL NO. 246
BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

ACT No. 232

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:163 and to enact R.S. 49:163.1, relative to state symbols; to
3 provide for the state gemstone; to provide for the use of the gemstone on official
4 documents; to provide for a state mineral; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 49:163 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 49:163.1 is hereby
7 enacted to read as follows:

8 §163. State gemstone

9 There shall be an official state gemstone. The official state gemstone shall
10 be ~~the agate, as found in Louisiana gravel~~ the cabochon cut gemstone, derived from
11 the Crassostrea virginica mollusk predominantly found in the waters of coastal
12 Louisiana. Its use on official documents of the state and with the insignia of the state
13 is hereby authorized.

14 §163.1. State mineral

15 There shall be an official state mineral. The official state mineral shall be the
16 agate, as found in Louisiana gravel. Its use on official documents of the state and
17 with the insignia of the state is hereby authorized.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____