



1 "Simulation of Groundwater Flow in the '1,500-foot' Sand and the '2,000-foot' Sand and  
2 Movement of Saltwater in the '2,000-foot' Sand of the Baton Rouge Area, Louisiana" report;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, according to the abstract of that report, "Groundwater withdrawals have  
5 caused saltwater to encroach into freshwater-bearing aquifers beneath Baton Rouge,  
6 Louisiana. Groundwater investigations in the 1960s identified a freshwater-saltwater  
7 interface located at the Baton Rouge Fault, across which abrupt changes in water levels  
8 occur."

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
10 urge and request the commissioner of conservation to study the effects of the ground water  
11 withdrawals on the sustainability of the Southern Hills Aquifer System and on the water  
12 supplies and water levels, including the lowering of the water table, of parishes currently  
13 relying on that ground water and to report those findings to the House Committee on Natural  
14 Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality on or  
15 before March 1, 2017.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
17 to the commissioner of conservation.

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#### DIGEST

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Urges and requests the commissioner of conservation to study the effects of the ground water withdrawals on the sustainability of the Southern Hills Aquifer System and on the water supplies and levels of parishes currently relying on that ground water and to report those findings to the oversight committees on or before March 1, 2017.