

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 1219

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

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-

2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) CLAIMANT.—The term “claimant” means
9 any individual, group, or corporation authorized to
10 hold title to land or mineral interests in land in the
11 State of Louisiana with a valid claim to the omitted
12 land, including any mineral interests.

1 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
2 titled “Lands as Delineated by Original Survey De-
3 cember 18, 1842 showing the 1969 Meander Line at
4 the 148.6 Elevation Line” and dated January 30,
5 2018.

6 (3) OMITTED LAND.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “omitted
8 land” means the land in lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
9 12, and 13 of sec. 30, T. 16 N., R. 10 W., Lou-
10 isiana Meridian, comprising a total of approxi-
11 mately 229.72 acres, as depicted on the Map,
12 that—

13 (i) was in place during the Original
14 Survey; but

15 (ii) was not included in the Original
16 Survey.

17 (B) INCLUSION.—The term “omitted land”
18 includes—

19 (i) Peggy’s Island in lot 1 of sec. 17,
20 T. 16 N., R. 10 W., Louisiana Meridian;
21 and

22 (ii) Hog Island in lot 1 of sec. 29 , T.
23 16 N., R. 10 W., Louisiana Meridian.

24 (4) ORIGINAL SURVEY.—The term “Original
25 Survey” means the survey of land surrounding Lake

1 Bistineau, Louisiana, conducted by the General
2 Land Office in 1838 and approved by the Surveyor
3 General on December 8, 1842.

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

6 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with the first section
8 of the Act of December 22, 1928 (commonly known as
9 the “Color of Title Act”) (45 Stat. 1069, chapter 47; 43
10 U.S.C. 1068), except as provided by this Act, the Sec-
11 retary shall convey to the claimant the omitted land, in-
12 cluding any mineral interests, that has been held in good
13 faith and in peaceful, adverse possession by a claimant or
14 an ancestor or grantor of the claimant, under claim or
15 color of title, based on the Original Survey.

16 (b) CONFIRMATION OF TITLE.—The conveyance or
17 patent of omitted land to a claimant under subsection (a)
18 shall have the effect of confirming title to the surface and
19 minerals in the claimant and shall not serve as any admis-
20 sion by a claimant.

21 **SEC. 4. PAYMENT OF COSTS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
23 (b), the conveyance required under section 3 shall be with-
24 out consideration.

1 (b) EXCEPTION.—Before the conveyance of the omit-
2 ted land under section 3, the claimant shall pay to the
3 Secretary any costs incurred by the Secretary relating to
4 any survey, platting, legal description, or associated activi-
5 ties required to prepare and issue a patent under that sec-
6 tion.

7 **SEC. 5. MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**

8 As soon as practicable after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Secretary shall file, and make available
10 for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bu-
11 reau of Land and Management, the Map and legal descrip-
12 tions of the omitted land to be conveyed under section 3.