



# Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board

## RESOLUTION NO. 25-02-005 [LEGAL & TITLE CONTROVERSY REPORT]

**WHEREAS**, a discussion of House Bill No. 24 (Act 17) which was passed by the Louisiana State Legislature during the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session was held;

**WHEREAS**, Act 17, effective January 1, 2025, allows for the increase of some administrative fees associated with the State of Louisiana's mineral leasing process due to inflationary adjustments, namely:

- Amendments within Act 17 to R.S. 30:125 increase the application-for-lease fee from four hundred dollars (\$400) to six hundred dollars (\$600).
- R.S. 30:126(A) is amended to state that "When requested to furnish proof of publication, the board may charge a fee of thirty-five dollars to furnish the proof of publication." (formerly \$20)
- R.S. 30:128(A) is amended to state that "The mineral board may charge a fee of one hundred seventy-five dollars to cover the cost of preparing and docketing transfers or assignments of such leases." (formerly \$100)
- R.S. 30:148.3 is amended to require "a cash deposit of one hundred dollars" for an application for a storage lease. (formerly \$50)

**WHEREAS**, Staff further reported that the first three (3) fees have remained in place since 2002, and the cash deposit has not had a price adjustment since originally instated in 1995; and

Upon recommendation of Staff and motion of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Moncla, the following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the State Mineral and Energy Board:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant Staff the authority to implement these changes up to the maximum amounts allowed by statute; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant Staff the authority to amend and promulgate pertinent regulations in the Louisiana Administrative Code to be consistent with the amendments effected by Act 17; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State Mineral and Energy Board does hereby grant Staff the authority to advertise the subject fee increases to the public for a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the collection of the fee increases.

### CERTIFICATE

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025 of the State Mineral and Energy Board in the City of Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, pursuant to due notice, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said Resolution is duly entered in the Minute Books of the State Mineral and Energy Board and is now in full force and effect.

  
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**ANDREW YOUNG, SECRETARY**  
**STATE MINERAL AND ENERGY BOARD**