

engage in any business activity other than the ownership of real estate and improvements; computer services; equipment leasing; and other directly related banking activities.

Section 3. If any provision or item of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable.

Section 4. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided that nothing herein shall be construed as repealing or modifying any of the other provisions of the Bank Holding Company Act, Sections 1002, 1004, 1005 and 1006 of Title 6, Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Approved by the Governor: July 20, 1968.

A true copy:

WADE O. MARTIN, JR.
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 611

House Bill No. 1224. By: Messrs. Hainkel and Kiefer
(By Request).

AN ACT

To amend Part V of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 by adding thereto a new section to be designated as Section 336 of Title 40, relative to the issuance of new certificates of birth to persons who have had an anatomical change of sex by surgery and to the requirements, procedure, and proof therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Section 336 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§ 336. Issuance of new birth certificate after anatomical change of sex by surgery

A. Any person born in Louisiana who, after having been diagnosed as a transsexual or as a pseudo hermaphrodite, has sustained sex reassignment or corrective surgery which has changed the anatomical structure of the sex of the individual to that of a sex other than that which appears on the original birth certificate of the individual, may petition a court of competent jurisdiction as provided in this Section to obtain a new certificate of birth.

B. Suits authorized by this Section shall be filed in the judicial district court having jurisdiction over the parish in which the petitioner resides or over the parish in which the petitioner was born, and petitioners who either reside in or were born in the Parish of Orleans shall file suit in the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans. The suits of persons who were born in Orleans Parish shall be filed contradictorily with the city of New Orleans Board of Health; and the suit of any other petitioner born in Louisiana shall be filed contradictorily with the State Board of Health and in the event the person is married the person's spouse shall also be a necessary party to the law suit. The petition shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the petitioner's original birth certificate.

C. The court shall require such proof as it deems necessary to be convinced that the petitioner was properly diagnosed as a transsexual or pseudo hermaphrodite, that sex reassignment or corrective surgery has been properly performed upon the petitioner, and that as a result of such surgery and subsequent medical treatment the anatomical structure of the sex of the petitioner has been changed to a sex other than that which is stated on the original birth certificate of the petitioner. If the court shall find that the evidence sustains the required proof, the court shall render a judgment ordering the issuance of a new birth certificate changing the sex designated thereon from that shown upon the petitioner's original certificate of birth. The petitioner may in the same suit seek to have the name of the petitioner changed, and the court may render judgment in accordance with law upon this additional petition at the same time.

D. A certified copy of the petition and judgment for a new certificate pursuant to this Section shall be furnished to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics at New Orleans within ten days after the judgment is rendered; or if the petitioner was born in the parish of Orleans, a certified copy of the petition and judgment must be furnished to the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Parish of Orleans. The respective registrars shall issue to the petitioner a new certificate or certified copy thereof; whereupon the original birth certificate and the copy of the petition and judgment received by the registrar shall be sealed in a package and filed in the archives of the particular division of Public Health Statistics or the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the New Orleans Health Department, as the case may be. This sealed package shall be opened only upon demand of the individual to whom the new certificate was issued, and then only by order of the court which rendered the judgment ordering the issuance of the new certificate.

Section 2. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved by the Governor : July 19, 1968.

A true copy:

WADE O. MARTIN, JR.
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 612

House Bill No. 1232. By: Messrs. Joubert, DeJean,
Hayes, Guilliot, LeBlanc,
Broussard, Simon, Angelle,
Breaux, Bauer and Brink-
haus and Senators Mouton
and Diesi.

AN ACT

To authorize the state or federal government to negotiate for leases and purchases and to lease or purchase all or as much as possible of the Atchafalaya River Basin for wildlife management and for recreational purposes and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana :

Section 1. The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is hereby authorized to negotiate to lease or purchase as much as possible of the Atchafalaya River Basin for wildlife management areas. Such areas shall also be developed for public recreational purposes which shall be made available to the public at all times.

Section 2. It is hereby recommended and requested that the United States Army Corps of Engineers shall, as partial mitigation for recreation losses and damages to fish and wildlife habitat and resources within the Atchafalaya River Basin due to their flood control projects, provide a tract of land within the Atchafalaya River Basin consisting of not less than 50,000 acres or two tracts of not less than 25,000 acres each, for wildlife management areas to be managed and administered by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall enter into negotiation and take steps to achieve the purposes of this Section.

Section 3. One-half of all revenues derived from the sale of timber from wildlife management areas located within the Atchafalaya River Basin shall be placed in a special fund and shall be used for no other purposes than the maintenance and development of such areas. The remaining one-half of all revenues derived from the sale of timber from such areas shall be placed to the credit of the General Fund.