

APPENDIX I

Transfer of Cross Lake to City of Shreveport - Enabling Legislation

ACT NO. 31.

Senate Bill No. 6.

AN ACT

Authorizing the Register of Land Office to sell and convey to the City of Shreveport, the bed of what is known as Cross Lake in the Parish of Caddo, and fixing the terms and conditions of such sale, reserving to the State of Louisiana all minerals and mineral rights on and under said lands.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana; that in pursuance to due and legal notice published in the Parish of Caddo of the intention to apply for the passage of this law, due proof having been made thereof to this body; That the Register of the State Land Office be and he is hereby authorized and empowered as hereinafter provided to sell and convey to the City of Shreveport, a municipal corpora-

Cross Lake transferred to City of Shreveport for waterworks purposes.

tion in the Parish of Caddo, all that portion of land belonging to the State of Louisiana in what is known as the bed of Cross Lake, particularly that portion of the bed of said lake embraced within the traverse lines thereof in Section 25, Township 18 north, Range 16 west; Sections 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 in Township 18 north, Range 15 west and Sections 5 and 6, 1 and 12 in Township 17 north, Range 15 west, and Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, Township 18 north Range 15 west, and Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 of Township 18 north, Range 14 west and Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Township 17 north, Range 14 west, for the purpose of enabling said city to provide a water supply of good, pure and wholesome water for the citizens of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, as now constituted or hereafter extended reserving to the State of Louisiana all minerals and mineral rights on and under said lands.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That immediately after the termination of the suit of the Cross Lake Shooting and Fishing Club, Plaintiff in Error, vs. The State of Louisiana, No. 443 of the October Term 1909 of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the event said suit shall terminate favorably to the State and its title to said lands herein above described involved in said suit be maintained, it shall be the duty of the Register of the Land Office to cause accurate surveys to be made of the bed of said lake, at the expense of the said City of Shreveport, and embrace within the traverse lines thereof to determine the acreage of said land, and on the payment to him, by the City of Shreveport or its legal representatives of the sum of One Dollar per acre for each acre of land so embraced within the traverse lines of said lake in the sections, townships and ranges mentioned, he shall convey to the said City of Shreveport the said lands above described, embracing what is now the unsurveyed lands in the bed of said Cross Lake, and thenceforth the said lands shall become vested in the said City of Shreveport for the purposes and subject to the conditions of this Act, and the net funds arising from said sale after payment of the fees of the Register of the Land Office and the cost, expenses and attorney's fees incurred by the State in the aforesaid suit to maintain the title of the State to said lands shall be placed to the credit of the Board of Commissioners of the Caddo Levee District.

Duty of Register of Land Office to make necessary surveys, etc.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said lands so conveyed to the City of Shreveport shall be used by it as a reservoir or storing basin for water to be used by said city for the purpose of supplying itself and its citizens with a good and wholesome supply of water, and should the said City of Shreveport fail to utilize the said bed of said lake for said purpose within ten years from the date of the passage of this Act or afterward should ever cease to utilize it for said purpose, then the said land shall revert back and become the property of the State of Louisiana, subject to the repayment to the City of Shreveport of the purchase price but without any interest.

To revert to State if not used for waterworks purposes.

City of Shreve-
port to have juris-
diction of same.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the City of Shreveport in the protection and conservation of its water supply is hereby granted full and plenary power over the said lake and may make such rules and regulations for the government thereof as its City Council may from time to time determine, and may enforce such rules and regulations by fine or imprisonment as is now provided for the enforcement of its ordinances under its charter and amendments thereto.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws, contrary to or in conflict with this Act, be and the same are, hereby repealed.

P. M. LAMBREMONT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

H. G. DUPRE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved: June 29, 1910.

J. Y. SANDERS,
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JOHN T. MICHEL,
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