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BILL.

An Act to provide for the improvement
of the River *du Chêne*, in the Coun-
ty of Two Mountains.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the Preamble.
parishes of St. Eustache, St. Augustin, St. Benoit, and St. Scholastique, in the Recital.
County of Two Mountains, holding lands on
the banks and in the neighborhood of the
5 River *du Chêne*, in the said County, suffer
considerable damage in their meadows and
the cultivation of their lands, which they
find it impossible properly to work, by reason
10 of the overflowing of the waters of the said
river, which on account of its shallowness
and numerous sinuosities, is not sufficient for
the large quantity of water received from the
great number of drains and streams dischar-
15 ging themselves into it during its course;
And whereas the only remedy for those evils
is to remove all obstructions from the said
river, to deepen and widen its bed in the
rapids thereof and other places, and more
20 especially to straighten its course by a canal
to be cut in a more direct line, and more
sufficient for the easy flowing of its waters,
provided such Canal be not considered by
the Commissioners-hereinafter mentioned, to
25 be too expensive, and do not in their opinion
interfere too much with the division of pro-
perty, to the injury of the proprietors thereof;
And whereas a considerable number of the
inhabitants of the above mentioned parishes,
30 interested in the said works have, by their
petition; represented the hardships under
which they labor, and also that the costs and
expenses already incurred, and the attempts
made by them in order to attain so desirable
35 an object have been useless, as being on too