

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

BY SENATOR BARROW

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to place a moratorium on the issuance of landfill permits in the community of Alsen, Louisiana, until a thorough economic and environmental impact study has been conducted.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to place a moratorium on the  
3 issuance of landfill permits in the community of Alsen, Louisiana, until a thorough  
4 economic and environmental impact study has been conducted in consultation with  
5 residents and local officials.

6 WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Quality is constitutionally and  
7 statutorily charged with the protection of the environment of Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, local governments are chiefly responsible for parish land use  
9 determinations and zoning ordinances in order to effectively maximize its resources and  
10 navigate its future development both in economic terms and management of the quality of  
11 life of its citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, currently under the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33, Part VII,  
13 the Department of Environmental Quality, within its industrial waste disposal permitting  
14 process, is unable to consider changes in local land use restrictions and zoning ordinances  
15 by local governments and their economic development requirements after an application has  
16 been submitted to the department; and

17 WHEREAS, the residents of Alsen, Louisiana, are concerned about the economic and  
18 environmental impacts any new permits for landfill expansion might impose on their

1 community; and

2 WHEREAS, it is important that the Department of Environmental Quality has the  
3 authority to consider permittee compliance with local zoning and land use restrictions prior  
4 to issuance of an order to commence operations of a waste disposal facility.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
6 urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to impose a moratorium on the  
7 issuance of any new landfill permits in the community of Alsen, Louisiana, until a thorough  
8 economic and environmental impact study has been conducted in consultation with residents  
9 and local officials.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
11 secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

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