

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 289

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ENERGY/CONSERVATION: Prohibits Class VI injection wells in certain lakes with outstanding scenic and recreational significance to the state

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:1113, relative to Class VI injection wells; to provide relative to lakes with
3 outstanding scenic and recreational significance; to prohibit Class VI injection wells
4 from being drilled in certain lakes; to provide for the authority of the commissioner
5 of conservation; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:1113 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1113. Drilling in certain lakes prohibited

9 In order to preserve the scenic quality of certain lakes of this state with
10 outstanding ecological, cultural, economic, and recreational significance for the
11 enjoyment of present and future generations, the commissioner shall not permit any
12 Class VI injection wells in any of the following lakes:

- 13 (1) Caney Lake.
- 14 (2) Lake Maurepas.
- 15 (3) Lake Pontchartrain.
- 16 (4) Toledo Bend Reservoir.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits Class VI injection wells in certain lakes with outstanding qualities.

Present law authorizes the commissioner of conservation to issue permits for Class VI injection wells.

Proposed law provides an exception to this authority by prohibiting the commissioner from issuing permits for Class VI wells on the following lakes:

- (1) Caney Lake.
- (2) Lake Maurepas.
- (3) Lake Pontchartrain.
- (4) Toledo Bend Reservoir.

(Adds R.S. 30:1113)