2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 494

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER

ENERGY: Prohibits carbon dioxide sequestration in St. Helena Parish

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:1104(F), relative to carbon dioxide sequestration in St. Helena Parish; to prohibit the permitting of carbon dioxide sequestration activities in St. Helena Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:1104(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1104. Duties and powers of the secretary; rules and regulations; permits

* * *

F. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the secretary shall not permit any activity related to carbon dioxide sequestration within St. Helena Parish.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 494 Original 2026 Regular Session Robby Carter

Abstract: Prohibits the permitting of activities related to carbon dioxide sequestration in St. Helena Parish.

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Conservation and Energy to regulate activity related to carbon dioxide sequestration.

Proposed law creates an exception to the secretary's authority under present law by prohibiting the secretary from permitting any activity related to carbon dioxide sequestration within St. Helena Parish.

(Adds R.S. 30:1104(F))

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.