

**GREEN SHEET REDIGEST**

**HB 869**

**2020 Regular Session**

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**ENVIRONMENT/SOLID WASTE: Provides relative to requirements for permitting a solid waste incineration facility**

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DIGEST

Present law requires the Dept. of Environmental Quality to conduct hearings on environmental assessment statements (EIS). Simultaneously with the submission of the statement to the department, requires the applicant to submit copies of the EIS to the local governmental authority or the designated public library.

Proposed law provides that if the applicant is unable to submit the EIS to the public library due to the absence of a library in the parish where the facility is located or the permanent or temporary closure of the library, the department is required to make the EIS available on the department's website.

Present law, relative to solid waste permits, prohibits the secretary of the Dept. of Environmental Quality from issuing any permit or promulgating any regulation that would allow the operation of a medical waste incinerator disposal facility until authorized by law. Grandfathers facilities with permits or applications prior to July 1, 1990. Requires notification of legislators in the area of the facility prior to issuance of a permit. Requires the department to promulgate regulations within 180 days after being authorized to do so. Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for the secretary's authority to permit commercial hazardous waste incineration facilities. Present law exempts medical waste incinerators from that authority. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 30:2011(D)(24)(e) and 2018(C); Repeals R.S. 30:2154(C) and 2180(D)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the engrossed bill

1. Requires a public hearing on environmental assesments.