

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 250

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

ENERGY: Authorizes the governing authority of Vernon Parish to determine whether Class VI carbon dioxide injection wells may be permitted within the parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:1104(G) and 1104.3, relative to Class VI injection well permitting; to
3 authorize the governing authority of Vernon Parish to determine whether Class VI
4 wells may be permitted within the parish; to provide for notice to the Department of
5 Energy and Natural Resources; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
6 related matters.

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

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 30:1104(G) and 1104.3 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §1104. Duties and powers of the commissioner; rules and regulations; permits

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14 G. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Class VI injection
15 wells shall not be permitted in any parish where prohibited pursuant to the local
16 option procedure set forth in this Chapter.

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18 §1104.3. Local option; Vernon Parish

19 The governing authority of Vernon Parish may by resolution or ordinance
20 determine whether Class VI injection wells may be permitted within the parish. A

1 copy of any resolution or ordinance passed for this purpose shall be provided to the
2 department.

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
7 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the Vernon Parish governing authority to determine whether Class VI carbon dioxide injection wells may be permitted within the parish.

Present law authorizes the Dept. of Energy and Natural Resources to permit Class VI carbon dioxide injection wells within the state.

Proposed law creates an exception to the dept.'s permitting authority where Class VI wells have been prohibited by the local option procedure provided in proposed law.

Proposed law authorizes the Vernon Parish governing authority to determine whether Class VI wells may be permitted within the parish by passing an ordinance or resolution.

Proposed law requires the parish governing authority to notify the dept. of any resolution or ordinance passed for the purpose of prohibiting or allowing Class VI injection wells within the parish.

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

(Adds R.S. 30:1104(G) and 1104.3)