

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 495

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

ENERGY: Authorizes the governing authority of Grant Parish to determine whether carbon dioxide sequestration and pipelines transporting carbon dioxide may be permitted within the parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:4(C)(17)(c), 1104(F), and 1104.3, relative to carbon dioxide transport and
3 sequestration in Grant Parish; to authorize the governing authority of Grant Parish
4 to determine whether Class VI injection wells, carbon dioxide sequestration, and
5 pipelines transporting carbon dioxide may be permitted within the parish; to provide
6 for the authority of the secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy; to
7 provide for notice to the department; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for
8 severability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. It is the intent of this legislature to allow the Grant Parish Police Jury to
14 prohibit the permitting of carbon dioxide injection wells, the geologic sequestration of
15 carbon dioxide, and the transportation of carbon dioxide by pipeline within Grant Parish.
16 The Grant Parish Police Jury adopted a resolution on December 11, 2025, opposing carbon
17 dioxide sequestration projects and associated carbon dioxide pipeline infrastructure within
18 Grant Parish and urging state and federal agencies to give full and careful consideration to
19 the concerns of the local government and citizens.

Section 2. R.S. 30:4(C)(17)(c), 1104(F), and 1104.3 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4. Jurisdiction, duties, and powers of the secretary; rules and regulations

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C. The secretary has authority to make, after notice and hearings as provided in this Chapter, any reasonable rules, regulations, and orders that are necessary from time to time in the proper administration and enforcement of this Chapter, including rules, regulations, or orders for the following purposes:

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(c) The secretary's authority pursuant to this Paragraph shall be subject to the local option procedures set forth in Chapter 11 of this Subtitle.

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

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F.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the secretary shall not issue any order, permit, or certificate authorizing Class VI injection wells, carbon dioxide sequestration, or the transportation of carbon dioxide through pipelines in any parish where prohibited pursuant to the local option procedure set forth in this Chapter.

(2) The prohibition in this Subsection shall prevent the final issuance of any order, permit, or certificate, regardless of whether an application for the same was previously submitted to the department.

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§1104.3. Local option; Grant Parish

A. In the exercise of the parish's police power to protect public health, safety, and welfare and authority to regulate land use within its borders, the governing authority of Grant Parish may, by resolution or ordinance, determine whether Class

1 VI injection wells, carbon dioxide sequestration, and pipelines transporting carbon
2 dioxide may be located within the parish.

3 B. A copy of any resolution or ordinance passed for this purpose shall be
4 provided to the department by the governing authority of Grant Parish.

5 C. Any prohibition adopted pursuant to this Section shall become effective
6 upon adoption of the resolution or ordinance by the governing authority of Grant
7 Parish.

8 D. Any local determination made pursuant to this Section shall supersede
9 and preempt any conflicting state or local law, regulation, order, permit, or
10 certificate. No application, option agreement, site control agreement, or preliminary
11 or draft approval shall confer vested rights or grandfathered authority inconsistent
12 with a parish prohibition adopted pursuant to this Section.

13 Section 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such
14 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given
15 effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this
16 Act are hereby declared severable.

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

DIGEST

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Firmment

Abstract: Authorizes the Grant Parish governing authority to determine whether Class VI carbon dioxide injection wells, the geologic storage of carbon dioxide, and pipelines used to transport carbon dioxide may be located within the parish.

Present law authorizes the Dept. of Conservation and Energy to permit and regulate Class VI carbon dioxide injection wells, pipelines for the transportation of carbon dioxide for

geologic storage, and pipelines for the transportation of carbon dioxide for enhanced oil recovery within the state.

Proposed law creates an exception to the dept.'s authority where Class VI wells, the geologic storage of carbon dioxide, or carbon dioxide pipelines have been prohibited by the local option procedure provided in proposed law.

Proposed law authorizes the Grant Parish governing authority to determine whether Class VI wells, geologic storage of carbon dioxide, and carbon dioxide pipelines may be located 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, the geologic storage of carbon dioxide, or carbon dioxide pipelines within the parish.

Proposed law provides that any prohibition by the Grant Parish governing authority is effective upon its adoption.

Proposed law provides that any determination made by the governing authority of Grant Parish will supersede any conflicting laws, regulations, and dept. actions.

Provides for severability that allows remaining provisions to continue to be effective even if other provisions are determined to be invalid.

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

(Adds R.S. 30:4(C)(17)(c), 1104(F), and 1104.3)