

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 522

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ENERGY/CONSERVATION: Places a moratorium on carbon dioxide sequestration

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:1116 and to repeal R.S. 30:1116, relative to a moratorium on carbon
3 dioxide sequestration; to provide for a moratorium on carbon dioxide sequestration;
4 to provide for a moratorium on the transportation of carbon dioxide for geologic
5 sequestration; to provide for a moratorium on permitting related to carbon dioxide
6 sequestration; to repeal the moratorium after it expires; to provide for effective dates;
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 30:1116 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1116. Moratorium

11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in order to allow
12 for the study of risks to security and private property rights associated with carbon
13 dioxide sequestration, there is hereby declared a moratorium on the geologic storage
14 or sequestration of carbon dioxide, the transportation of carbon dioxide within the
15 state for the purpose of geologic storage or sequestration, and the issuance of any
16 permits, certificates, or orders related to these activities, which shall remain in effect
17 until July 1, 2026.

18 Section 2. R.S. 30:1116 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

19 Section 3.(A) This Section and Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon
20 signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of

1 the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article
2 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and
3 subsequently approved by the legislature, this Section and Section 1 of this Act shall become
4 effective on the day following such approval.

5 (B) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Places a moratorium on activities and permitting related to carbon dioxide sequestration to allow for the study of certain risks associated with this process.

Proposed law prohibits the following activity from the effective date of the proposed law until July 1, 2026:

- (1) Geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide within the state.
- (2) Transportation of carbon dioxide within the state for purposes of geologic sequestration.
- (3) The issuance of permits, certificates, and orders related to activities (1) and (2).

Proposed law repeals the moratorium after its term has expired.

Effective in part upon signature of the governor; effective in part July 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 30:1116; Repeals R.S. 30:1116)