

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 459

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

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

ENERGY/ALTERNATE: Provides for renewable energy regulation and permitting

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 12 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised
3 of R.S. 30:1131 and 1141, relative to renewable energy development; to require
4 certain permits for renewable energy producers; to provide for the promulgation and
5 adoption of rules and regulations; to exclude residential properties; to define the term
6 "onshore"; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Chapter 12 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
9 comprised of R.S. 30:1131 and 1141, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 12. RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE

11 PART I. BATTERIES

12 §1131. Permits for renewable energy batteries

13 A. No battery used for renewable energy storage facilities shall be installed
14 without the operator first obtaining a permit for installation from the Department of
15 Energy and Natural Resources.

16 B. No permit shall be issued without proof of financial security and a
17 decommissioning plan.

18 C. The secretary shall promulgate and adopt such rules and regulations as are
19 necessary to implement this Section by August 31, 2026.

20 D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to renewable energy
21 storage for residential property use.

1 PART II. WIND ENERGY2 §1141. Permits for wind energy3 A. No onshore wind project shall be constructed or completed without a
4 permit issued by the Department of Energy and Natural Resources.5 B. No permit shall be issued without proof of financial security and a
6 decommissioning plan.7 C. The secretary shall promulgate and adopt such rules and regulations as are
8 necessary to implement this Section by August 31, 2026.9 D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to wind projects for
10 residential property use.11 E. As used in this Part, "onshore" shall mean land-based wind turbines and
12 those that are located on inland water bodies.

DIGEST

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HB 459 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Requires permits from the Department of Energy and Natural Resources for renewable energy projects with the exception of residential property use.

Proposed law requires operators of renewable energy storage facilities to obtain a permit for installation and decommissioning from the Dept. of Energy and Natural Resources (DENR) prior to installing a battery.

Proposed law requires a permit to construct or complete an onshore wind project from the DENR.

Proposed law prohibits the issuance of a permit for renewable energy projects without proof of financial security and a decommissioning plan.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the dept. to promulgate and adopt regulations necessary for the enforcement of proposed law by Aug. 31, 2026.

Proposed law excludes residential properties from the applicability of proposed law.

Proposed law provides a definition for "onshore".

(Adds R.S. 30:1131 and 1141)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Provide an exclusion for applicability of proposed law to residential property use.
2. Define "onshore" as land-based wind turbines and those located on inland water bodies.
3. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add a deadline of Aug. 31, 2026, by which rules and regulations must be promulgated and adopted.
2. Make technical changes.