

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 496

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

ENERGY/OIL & GAS WELLS: Provides for the operation of saltwater disposal wells in the parishes of Bossier, Caddo, and Webster

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:4(C)(16)(d), relative to disposal wells; to provide for saltwater disposal
3 wells in Bossier, Caddo, and Webster Parishes; to provide for injection pressure
4 limits for onsite and community saltwater disposal wells; to establish a process for
5 saltwater disposal well permit modification; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:4(C)(16)(d) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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

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15 (16)

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17 (d)(i) No rule, regulation, order, or permit issued pursuant to the authority
18 granted by this Paragraph shall limit the maximum surface injection pressure for
19 onsite or community saltwater disposal wells in the parishes of Bossier, Caddo, and
20 Webster to an amount less than the following:

Proposed law authorizes onsite saltwater disposal well operators with an existing permit that limits the injection pressure to an amount less than those provided by proposed law to apply to the dept. to have their permits modified to comply with proposed law.

Proposed law specifies that proposed law does not apply to commercial saltwater disposal wells.

(Adds R.S. 30:4(C)(16)(d))