
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the Vernon 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 Vernon 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 Vernon Parish governing authority is effective upon its adoption.

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

Provides for severability that allows the 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)