

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 509

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

ENERGY: Requires a public hearing in the parish where a Class V or Class VI well is proposed

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:1105(E), relative to Class V and VI permits; to require a hearing to be held
3 to receive public comments in every parish in which a Class V or VI injection well
4 permit is proposed; to require the hearing be held within the first fifteen days of the
5 public comment period and not be held between the twentieth of December and the
6 first of January; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 30:1105(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1105. Hearings; notice; public records

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11 E. In every parish in which an application for a Class V or Class VI permit
12 related to a geologic sequestration project has been filed, a public hearing to receive
13 comments from the public shall be required prior to the issuance of a permit. The
14 hearing shall be held within the first fifteen days of the public comment period and
15 shall not be held between the twentieth of December and the first of January.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a hearing to receive public comments in every parish in which a Class V or VI injection well permit is proposed.

Present law for public hearings to be conducted pursuant to the provisions of present law (R.S. 30:6) and notice to be provided to the governing authority of any affected parish in which a carbon sequestration project is proposed.

Present law further provides that the commissioner hold hearings when requested in writing and to give substantial consideration to comments received from the local government when taking action in any matter requiring a public comment period or public hearing.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement for a hearing to be held to receive public comments in parishes in which Class V or Class VI permit applications have been filed prior to issuance of a permit.

Proposed law further provides that the hearing must be held within the first 15 days of the public comment period and cannot be held between Dec. 20th and Jan. 1st.

(Adds R.S. 30:1105(E))