

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 595

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Provides relative to permits required by local governments that impede the development of the state's natural resources

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:4.4, relative to development of the state's natural resources; to prohibit  
3 local governing authorities from taking actions that impede the state's ability to  
4 develop natural resources, including requirements for permitting; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:4.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §4.4. Exclusive jurisdiction

9 It is the intent of the legislature that this Subtitle vests the department with  
10 exclusive jurisdiction over the natural resources of the state, including but not limited  
11 to regulations, permitting, and related fee schedules, and no other governmental  
12 entity, including any political subdivision or governing authority, shall have  
13 jurisdiction over this subject matter nor the authority to enact any law or ordinance  
14 requiring permitting related to or affecting this subject.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits local governing authorities from actions that impede the state's ability to develop natural resources including additional permitting requirements.

Proposed law provides that the dept. is vested with exclusive authority over the natural resources of the state and prohibits local governing authorities from taking actions, including requiring permits, affecting this subject matter.

(Adds R.S. 30:4.4)