
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the dept. to appoint an acquisition agent to manage and facilitate the process for any entity utilizing expropriation for carbon dioxide storage related activities and provides for the expropriating authority to reimburse the dept. for costs related to completion of the process.

Present law provides for eminent domain authority related to carbon dioxide storage operations to be exercised pursuant to the procedures found in present law (R.S. 19:2).

Proposed law retains the provisions contained in present law but requires the dept. to appoint an acquisition agent to perform the procedures.

Proposed law provides that the acquisition agent may be an employee of the dept. or a private entity contracted to perform the required procedures.

Proposed law prohibits the acquisition agent from having a financial interest in the outcome of the negotiations or proceedings and provides for the acquisition agent to be subject to the same legal requirements as the expropriating authority.

Proposed law requires the expropriating authority to reimburse the dept. for any costs of hiring an acquisition agent and costs of completing the required procedures.

(Amends R.S. 30:1108(C)(1); Adds R.S. 30:1108(C)(3))