
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes procedures and limitation of a liability for claims brought for damages related to climate change for emissions of greenhouse gases.

Proposed law provides public policy of La. to include protecting energy production in the state and to limit claims against the industry for injury or harm to people or property caused by emissions attributed to climate change.

Proposed law provides definitions for "claim for damages based on La. emissions", "claim for damages based on non-La. emissions", "climate change", "damages", and "person".

Proposed law prohibits a cause of action or right of action for claims for damages based on non-La. emissions.

Proposed law provides that claims cannot be brought unless a court finds the person against whom the claim is brought has violated a La. or federal statute limiting or restricting emissions of greenhouse gases originating within the state or violated the express terms of a permit issued by La. or a federal agency with jurisdiction over greenhouse gas emissions.

Proposed law provides requirements of the petition, parties, evidence, and damages for a claim filed under proposed law.

Proposed law prohibits damages for economic loss without physical injury to the person bringing the claim or his property.

Proposed law prohibits any matter from being brought under proposed law by the state or any political subdivision of the state unless prior approval is obtained from:

- (1) The governor of La.
- (2) The attorney general of La.
- (3) The House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.
- (4) The Senate Committee on Natural Resources.

(Adds R.S. 30:1601-1606)