

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 584

BY SENATOR MILLS

SALT DOMES. Prohibits the issuance of certain permits to create or convert a solution mined cavern in Vermilion and Iberia parishes. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:23.2, relative to permits for solution mined cavern wells; to provide for the
3 prohibition of certain permits in Vermilion and Iberia parishes; to provide terms,
4 conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:23.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§ 23.2. Permits for solution mined caverns near salt domes; prohibitions in**
9 **Vermilion and Iberia parishes**

10 **A. The legislature finds that Louisiana contains a significant number of**
11 **underground salt dome formations and these formations have been subject to**
12 **catastrophic influences caused by certain activities permitted by the state and**
13 **conducted in close proximity to salt domes and adjacent formations.**

14 **B. In order to protect our precious water resources, the commissioner of**
15 **conservation shall not authorize or issue any permits for the creation of a**
16 **solution mined cavern or to convert a solution mined cavern to storage or waste**
17 **disposal in Vermilion or Iberia parishes where the salt stock underlying a state**

1 **owned water bottom has structurally failed if that failure was man-made.**

2 **C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the United States**
3 **Strategic Petroleum Reserve or any entity regulated by the Offshore Terminal**
4 **Authority.**

5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
9 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

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Proposed law provides legislative findings.

Proposed law prohibits the commissioner of conservation from issuing permits for the creation of a solution mined cavern or to convert a solution mined cavern to storage or waste disposal in any area in Vermilion or Iberia parishes where the salt stock underlying a state owned water bottom has structurally failed if that failure was man-made.

Proposed law provides exceptions for the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve or any entity regulated by the Offshore Terminal Authority.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 30:23.2)