

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 585

BY SENATOR MILLS

MINERALS. Requires public notice for certain solution-mined cavern permits in Vermilion and Iberia parishes. (8/1/14)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:4(N), relative to solution-mined cavern permits; to require public notice for certain solution-mined cavern permits in Vermilion and Iberia parishes; to require a public hearing for permits to drill, expand, operate, convert, or alter certain solution mined caverns; to provide terms, conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:4(N) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4. Jurisdiction, duties, and powers of the assistant secretary; rules and regulations

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N. The commissioner shall require by rule that before a permit to drill, expand, operate, convert, or alter a solution-mined cavern in Vermilion or Iberia parishes is issued, a public hearing shall be held on the application for the permit, and shall fix the date, time, and place therefor. The operator or owner, prior to such a public hearing, shall give public notice on three separate days within a period of thirty days prior to the public hearing, with at least five

- 1 **days between each publication notice, both in the official state journal and in**
2 **the official journal of the parish in which the well is to be located.**

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

DIGEST

Mills (SB 585)

Proposed law requires the commissioner of conservation to promulgate rules for public hearings before issuing permits to drill, expand, operate, convert, or alter a solution-mined cavern in Vermilion and Iberia parishes.

Proposed law requires public notice on three separate days within a period of 30 days prior to the public hearing.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 30:4(N))