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DIGEST

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Present law authorizes the Dept. of Conservation and Energy (C&E) to permit and regulate Class VI carbon dioxide injection wells, geologic storage of carbon dioxide, and pipelines transporting carbon dioxide within the state.

Proposed law creates an exception to C&E's permitting authority for a parish where Class VI wells, carbon dioxide sequestration, or pipelines transporting carbon dioxide have been prohibited by parish governing authority ordinance, or by local option election.

Proposed law provides that such prohibition by ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

Proposed law authorizes a parish governing authority to order a parish-wide election for electors of the parish to determine whether Class VI wells, carbon dioxide sequestration, or pipelines transporting carbon dioxide are permitted in the parish.

Proposed law requires a parish governing authority to order a parish-wide election to determine whether Class VI wells, carbon dioxide sequestration, or pipelines transporting carbon dioxide are permitted in the parish, if requested to do so by written petition signed by a least fifteen percent of the qualified electors of the parish, as certified by the parish registrar of voters.

Proposed law requires a parish governing authority to pass the results of any election by ordinance, and provides that any prohibition determined by election is effective upon certification of the election results.

Proposed law limits such elections to once every five years.

Proposed law provides that a conflict between action of a parish governing authority and results of an election called for this purpose shall be resolved in favor of the election results. Further prohibits superseding action by the parish governing authority for five years following the election.

Proposed law requires a parish governing authority to notify C&E of an election result and to provide C&E a copy of any ordinance passed pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that a local determination made pursuant to proposed law supersedes and preempts any conflicting state or local law, regulation, order, permit, or certificate.

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

(Adds R.S. 30:4(C)(17)(c), 1104(F), and 1104.3)