

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 548

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ENERGY: Provides for the dedication of revenue from carbon dioxide sequestration on state lands and water bottoms

## 1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:149(B) and (C) and 209.2(B) and (C) and R.S. 56:765 and to  
3 enact R.S. 30:149.1, relative to revenue from carbon dioxide sequestration on state  
4 property; to provide for the distribution of revenue from carbon dioxide sequestration  
5 on property owned by the state and state agencies; to provide for the distribution of  
6 revenue received by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana  
7 Wildlife and Fisheries Commission from carbon dioxide sequestration; to provide  
8 for prior acts of donation accepted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and  
9 the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to dedicate revenue to the  
10 Conservation Fund; to dedicate revenue to local governing authorities; and to  
11 provide for related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 30:149(B) and (C) and 209.2(B) and (C) are hereby amended and  
14 reenacted and R.S. 30:149.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

15 §149. Storage of carbon dioxide; distribution of funds

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17 B.(1) Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, any ~~Any~~ revenues  
18 collected by the office of mineral resources pursuant to any contractual agreement  
19 for the storage of carbon dioxide beneath state-owned land or water bottoms,  
20 including land and water bottoms owned by state agencies, shall be immediately

1 forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit into the state treasury. After complying  
2 with the provisions of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana  
3 relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, the state treasurer shall remit  
4 the funds as follows:

5 ~~(1)~~ (a) Thirty percent of the revenue shall be remitted to the Mineral and  
6 Energy Operation Fund. The revenue remitted to the Mineral and Energy Operation  
7 Fund under this Subsection shall be in lieu of any other revenues collected pursuant  
8 to any contractual agreement for the storage of carbon dioxide beneath the  
9 state-owned land or water bottoms that is required by law to be remitted to the  
10 Mineral and Energy Operation Fund.

11 ~~(2)~~ (b) Thirty percent of the revenue shall be remitted to the governing  
12 authority of the parish located in a specific area of interest. If the specific area of  
13 interest is located in more than one parish, the monies shall be divided between the  
14 parishes in proportion to the amount of property located in each parish pursuant to  
15 the contractual agreement.

16 ~~(3)~~ (c) The remaining revenue shall be deposited into the state general fund.

17 (2) This Subsection only applies to property owned by the state and state  
18 agencies and shall not be construed to apply to local governmental entities.

19 (3) Nothing in this Subsection shall impact funds collected by the office of  
20 mineral resources on behalf of a state agency which are subject to statutory  
21 dedications enacted prior to August 1, 2025, or constitutional dedications.

22 ~~C. Nothing in this Section shall impact existing constitutional or statutory~~  
23 ~~dedications from funds collected by the office of mineral resources on behalf of a~~  
24 ~~state department or an agency as defined in R.S. 30:151. Pursuant to the authority~~  
25 ~~granted to the legislature by Article VII, Section 10-A(A)(1) of the Constitution of~~  
26 ~~Louisiana, and notwithstanding Subsection B of this Section or any other provision~~  
27 ~~of law to the contrary, the legislature hereby dedicates any revenue collected by the~~  
28 ~~office of mineral resources on behalf of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or~~  
29 ~~the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission pursuant to any contractual~~

1 agreement regarding the geologic storage of carbon dioxide beneath, or the  
2 transportation of carbon dioxide for geologic storage on, properties owned by the  
3 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries  
4 Commission, including but not limited to wildlife management areas and refuges, as  
5 follows:

6 (1) All revenue shall be immediately forwarded to the state treasurer for  
7 deposit into the state treasury. After complying with the provisions of Article VII,  
8 Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and  
9 Redemption Fund, the state treasurer shall remit thirty percent of the revenue to the  
10 governing authority of the parish located in a specific area of interest. If the specific  
11 area of interest is located in more than one parish, the monies shall be divided  
12 between the parishes in proportion to the amount of property located in each parish  
13 pursuant to the contractual agreement.

14 (2) The remaining revenue shall be deposited into the Louisiana Wildlife and  
15 Fisheries Conservation Fund.

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17 §149.1. Carbon dioxide storage and transport; Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
18 and Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; distribution of funds

19 A. For purposes of this Section, "specific area of interest" means an  
20 individual tract of property that is the subject of any contractual agreement entered  
21 into by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or the Louisiana Wildlife and  
22 Fisheries Commission for the purpose of injection, storage, sequestration,  
23 transportation, shipment, or withdrawal of carbon dioxide.

24 B. Pursuant to the authority granted to the legislature by Article VII, Section  
25 10-A(A)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, and notwithstanding any other  
26 provision of law to the contrary, the legislature hereby dedicates any revenue  
27 collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or the Louisiana Wildlife and  
28 Fisheries Commission pursuant to any contractual agreement regarding the geologic  
29 storage of carbon dioxide beneath, or the transportation of carbon dioxide for

1 geologic storage on, properties owned by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
2 or the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, including but not limited to  
3 wildlife management areas and refuges, as follows:

4 (1) All revenue shall be immediately forwarded to the state treasurer for  
5 deposit into the state treasury. After complying with the provisions of Article VII,  
6 Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and  
7 Redemption Fund, the state treasurer shall remit thirty percent of the revenue to the  
8 governing authority of the parish located in a specific area of interest. If the specific  
9 area of interest is located in more than one parish, the monies shall be divided  
10 between the parishes in proportion to the amount of property located in each parish  
11 pursuant to the contractual agreement.

12 (2) The remaining revenue shall be deposited into the Louisiana Wildlife and  
13 Fisheries Conservation Fund.

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15 §209.2. Storage of carbon dioxide; distribution of funds

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17 B.(1) Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, any ~~Any~~ revenues  
18 collected by the office of mineral resources pursuant to any contractual agreement  
19 for the storage of carbon dioxide beneath state-owned land or water bottoms,  
20 including land and water bottoms owned by state agencies, shall be immediately  
21 forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit into the state treasury. After complying  
22 with the provisions of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana  
23 relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, the state treasurer shall remit  
24 the funds as follows:

25 ~~(+)~~ (a) Thirty percent of the revenue shall be remitted to the Mineral and  
26 Energy Operation Fund. The revenue remitted to the Mineral and Energy Operation  
27 Fund under this Subsection shall be in lieu of any other revenues collected pursuant  
28 to any contractual agreement for the storage of carbon dioxide beneath the

1 state-owned land or water bottoms that is required by law to be remitted to the  
2 Mineral and Energy Operation Fund.

3 (2) (b) Thirty percent of the revenue shall be remitted to the governing  
4 authority of the parish located in a specific area of interest. If the specific area of  
5 interest is located in more than one parish, the monies shall be divided between the  
6 parishes in proportion to the amount of property located in each parish pursuant to  
7 the contractual agreement.

8 (3) (c) The remaining revenue shall be deposited into the state general fund.

9 (2) This Subsection only applies to property owned by the state and state  
10 agencies and shall not be construed to apply to local governmental entities.

11 (3) Nothing in this Subsection shall impact funds collected by the office of  
12 mineral resources on behalf of a state agency which are subject to statutory  
13 dedications enacted prior to August 1, 2025, or constitutional dedications.

14 C. ~~Nothing in this Section shall impact existing constitutional or statutory~~  
15 ~~dedications from funds collected by the office of mineral resources on behalf of a~~  
16 ~~state department or an agency as defined in R.S. 30:151.~~ Pursuant to the authority  
17 granted to the legislature by Article VII, Section 10-A(A)(1) of the Constitution of  
18 Louisiana, and notwithstanding Subsection B of this Section or any other provision  
19 of law to the contrary, the legislature hereby dedicates any revenue collected by the  
20 office of mineral resources on behalf of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or  
21 the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission pursuant to any contractual  
22 agreement regarding the geologic storage of carbon dioxide or the transportation of  
23 carbon dioxide for geologic storage on or beneath properties owned by the  
24 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries  
25 Commission, including but not limited to wildlife management areas and refuges, as  
26 follows:

27 (1) All revenue shall be immediately forwarded to the state treasurer for  
28 deposit into the state treasury. After complying with the provisions of Article VII,  
29 Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and

1        Redemption Fund, the state treasurer shall remit thirty percent of the revenue to the  
2        governing authority of the parish located in a specific area of interest. If the specific  
3        area of interest is located in more than one parish, the monies shall be divided  
4        between the parishes in proportion to the amount of property located in each parish  
5        pursuant to the contractual agreement.

6                (2) The remaining revenue shall be deposited into the Louisiana Wildlife and  
7        Fisheries Conservation Fund.

8        Section 2. R.S. 56:765 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9        §765. Donations for wildlife refuges, wildlife management areas, and public hunting  
10               grounds; applicability of certain laws

11               The provisions of R.S. 30:148.1 through 148.7, 149, 149.1, and 209.2 and  
12        R.S. 47:648.1 shall not authorize the breach of any term or condition of any donation  
13        which ~~has been~~ was accepted by the state prior to August 1, 2025, involving any  
14        state wildlife refuge, wildlife management area, or public hunting ground. A parish  
15        governing authority may tailor or restrict its use of any funds received pursuant to  
16        R.S. 30:149, 149.1, or 209.2 in order to comply with the terms or conditions of such  
17        donations.

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#### DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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HB 548 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Dedicates 30% of revenue received by the state for carbon dioxide sequestration on property owned by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to local governing authorities where the property is located.

Present law provides for the following distribution of funds collected by the office of mineral resources from any contractual agreements for the storage of carbon dioxide on state-owned lands or water bottoms:

- (1)     30% to the Mineral and Energy Operation Fund.
- (2)     30% to parishes included in the agreement. If one or more parishes is included in the agreement, the 30% will be divided based on the amount of land in each parish included in the agreement.
- (3)     The remaining funds are deposited into the state general fund.

Present law excludes from the present law distribution all existing constitutional and statutory dedications of funds collected by the office of mineral resources on behalf of a state agency.

Proposed law excludes from the present law distribution any constitutional dedication of funds and any statutory dedication of funds enacted prior to Aug. 1, 2025.

Proposed law provides an exception to the distribution of funds under present law for funds collected by the office of mineral resources for the carbon dioxide storage, or the transportation of carbon dioxide for storage, beneath property owned by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. Under proposed law, these funds will be distributed as follows:

- (1) 30% to parishes included in the agreement. If one or more parishes is included in the agreement, the 30% will be divided based on the amount of land in each parish included in the agreement.
- (2) The remainder to the Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund.

Proposed law further provides for the following distribution of funds collected by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries or the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission if they lease their own property for the storage of carbon dioxide or for carbon dioxide sequestration pipelines:

- (1) 30% to parishes included in the agreement. If one or more parishes is included in the agreement, the 30% will be divided based on the amount of land in each parish included in the agreement.
- (2) The remainder to the Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund.

(Amends R.S. 30:149(B) and (C) and 209.2(B) and (C) and R.S. 56:765; Adds R.S. 30:149.1)