

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

ENVIRONMENT/QUALITY: Urges and requests the Department of Environmental Quality to place a moratorium on the issuance of landfill permits in the community of Alsen, Louisiana, until a thorough economic and environmental impact study has been conducted

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to place a moratorium on the  
3 issuance of landfill permits in the community of Alsen, Louisiana, until a thorough  
4 economic and environmental impact study has been conducted in consultation with  
5 residents and local officials.

6 WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Quality is constitutionally and  
7 statutorily charged with the protection of the environment of Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, local governments are chiefly responsible for parish land use  
9 determinations and zoning ordinances in order to effectively maximize its resources and  
10 navigate its future development both in economic terms and management of the quality of  
11 life of its citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, currently under Part VII of Title 33 of the Louisiana Administrative  
13 Code, the Department of Environmental Quality, within its industrial waste disposal  
14 permitting process, is unable to consider changes in local land use restrictions and zoning  
15 ordinances by local governments and their economic development requirements after an  
16 application has been submitted to the department; and

17 WHEREAS, the residents of Alsen, Louisiana, are concerned about the economic and  
18 environmental impacts that any new permits for landfill expansion might impose on their  
19 community; and

1           WHEREAS, it is important that the Department of Environmental Quality has the  
2 authority to consider permittee compliance with local zoning and land use restrictions prior  
3 to issuance of an order to commence operations of a waste disposal facility.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Environmental  
6 Quality to impose a moratorium on the issuance of any new landfill permits in the  
7 community of Alsen, Louisiana, until a thorough economic and environmental impact study  
8 has been conducted in consultation with residents and local officials.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
10 secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

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#### DIGEST

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