

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 84

By: Senator B. Johnson
By: Representative Vaught

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF
PERMITS IN WATERSHEDS AND OTHER BODIES OF WATER; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROHIBIT A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE
OF PERMITS IN WATERSHEDS AND OTHER
BODIES OF WATER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 23, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15-23-107. Prohibition on moratorium in watersheds and other bodies of water.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a state agency, including without limitation the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Energy and Environment, shall not institute a moratorium on the issuance of permits in a watershed, including without limitation the Buffalo River Watershed, or other body of water.

(b) If a state agency wishes to institute a moratorium related to a watershed or other body of water, the state agency first shall obtain approval from the Legislative Council.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Existing moratoriums.

A moratorium related to a watershed, including without limitation the Buffalo River Watershed, or other body of water instituted before the



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effective date of this act is unenforceable on and after the effective date of this act.