

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 84

4
5 By: Senator B. Johnson
6 By: Representative Vaught

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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34 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Existing moratoriums.

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



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

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