

**SB354 ENGROSSED**



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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to solar power; to prohibit the construction and operation of new solar power facilities and carbon dioxide storage facilities for one year, subject to conditions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) SOLAR POWER FACILITY. A large-scale, ground-mounted installation of photovoltaic panels that are designed to generate electricity using solar power for use off-site or sale to a third party, including all equipment and facilities required to operate the facility and transmit generated electricity.

(2) UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Construction of a solar power facility has begun pursuant to Internal Revenue Service regulations adopted pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §§ 45Y and 48E defining beginning of construction and any other regulations, procedures, or other published information or guidance pursuant to that federal law.

(b) For one year after the effective date of this act, a solar power facility not operating or under construction on



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29 the effective date of this act may not be constructed or  
30 operated unless a proposed solar power facility operator holds  
31 a public hearing, after 30 days notice, on the proposed solar  
32 power facility in the county in which the proposed solar power  
33 facility will be located.

34 (c) This act shall only apply to counties contiguous to  
35 the Gulf of America due to the significant population  
36 increases therein, limited availability of suitable real  
37 property, and need to protect the unique environmental aspects  
38 of river deltas and the gulf.

39 (d) For one year after the effective date of this act,  
40 the governing body of a county, municipality, or other  
41 political subdivision of this state may not adopt an  
42 ordinance, regulation, or other policy related to a proposed  
43 or existing solar power facility that is more stringent than  
44 the requirements of this section.

45 Section 2. (a) For purposes of this section, the term  
46 "carbon dioxide storage facility" shall mean a storage  
47 facility used for the storage and sequestration of carbon  
48 dioxide, as contemplated in Article 6, Chapter 17, Title 9,  
49 Code of Alabama 1975, which is located on public land or which  
50 is 50,000 acres or more in size.

51 (b) For one year after the effective date of this act,  
52 a carbon dioxide storage facility not operating or under  
53 construction on the effective date of this act may not be  
54 constructed or operated.

55 Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately.



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