

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 106

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit removal to United States district courts of certain civil actions filed in State courts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 7, 2015

Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ending Legacy Law-
5 suit Abuse Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTIONS FILED IN STATE**
7 **COURTS.**

8 The Federal Water Pollution Control Act is amended
9 by inserting after section 505 (33 U.S.C. 1365) the fol-
10 lowing:

1 **“SEC. 505A. REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTIONS FILED IN STATE**
2 **COURTS.**

3 “Any civil action filed in a State court that involves
4 a claim of environmental contamination that impacts or
5 threatens to impact any waters of the United States sub-
6 ject to the jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers may be
7 removed by the defendant to the United States district
8 court for the district in which the civil action is pending.”.

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