

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.

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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

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## 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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