

**Bill No.:** SF0036 **Effective:** **Multiple Dates**  
**LSO No.:** **20LSO-0231**  
**Enrolled Act No.:** SEA No. 0045  
**Chapter No.:** 105  
**Prime Sponsor:** Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee  
**Catch Title:** **Large scale solar and wind energy facilities.**  
**Subject:** Large scale solar and wind energy facilities.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- Existing law requires certain facilities generating electricity from wind power to obtain a permit from every county in which the facility is located. This bill expands that requirement to include a facility with a rated power capacity of more than one-half (0.5) megawatt of electricity from solar power. The bill establishes the minimum standards that counties must apply when issuing permits for solar energy facilities. The bill also modifies standards for a permit granted for a wind energy facility.
- The bill exempts from the Solar Rights Act a solar collector that is part of a facility that has a rated power capacity of more than five hundred (500) kilowatts or would result in a surface disturbance equal to or greater than one hundred (100) acres.
- Under existing law, the Industrial Siting Council has jurisdiction over wind energy facilities, including their collector systems, that consist of thirty (30) or more wind turbines in all planned phases of the installation. This bill modifies that to twenty (20) or more wind turbines. The bill also expands the Industrial Siting Council's jurisdiction over "facilities" to include any commercial facility generating electricity from solar power and associated solar collector systems if the facility has a rated power capacity of more than thirty (30) megawatts or would result in a surface disturbance equal to or greater than one hundred (100) acres or is expanded to where the facility would satisfy either of these requirements.

**Comments:**

- That portion of this act requiring the Industrial Siting Council to promulgate rules is effective immediately. The remainder of this act is effective July 1, 2020.

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