

1-1 By: Romero, Jr. (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 1633
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2015;
1-3 May 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources and Economic Development; May 20, 2015, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 20, 2015,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Fraser	X			
1-10	Estes	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hancock			X	
1-14	Hinojosa	X			
1-15	Lucio	X			
1-16	Nichols	X			
1-17	Seliger	X			
1-18	Uresti	X			
1-19	Zaffirini	X			

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to application and notification requirements for a permit
1-23 to drill an oil or gas well in or near an easement held by the Texas
1-24 Department of Transportation.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 91, Natural Resources
1-27 Code, is amended by adding Section 91.021 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 91.021. NOTICE OF PERMIT TO DRILL WELL IN
1-29 TRANSPORTATION EASEMENT. (a) In this section, "department" means
1-30 the Texas Department of Transportation.

1-31 (b) The commission shall adopt rules to require that an
1-32 application for a permit to drill an oil or gas well include an
1-33 affirmation as to whether or not the well is located within an
1-34 easement held by the department or within 50 yards of an easement
1-35 held by the department.

1-36 (c) Not later than the 14th day after the date the
1-37 commission receives an application for a permit to drill an oil or
1-38 gas well that contains an affirmation that the well is located
1-39 within an easement held by the department or within 50 yards of an
1-40 easement held by the department, the commission shall transmit a
1-41 copy of the application to the department.

1-42 (d) This section does not grant to the department any
1-43 authority regarding the approval of an application for a permit to
1-44 drill an oil or gas well.

1-45 SECTION 2. Section 91.021, Natural Resources Code, as added
1-46 by this Act, applies only to a permit application filed with the
1-47 Railroad Commission of Texas on or after the effective date of this
1-48 Act. A permit application filed with the commission before the
1-49 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the
1-50 application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for
1-51 that purpose.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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