

SENATE AMENDMENTS

2nd Printing

By: Romero, Jr.

H.B. No. 1633

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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

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

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

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

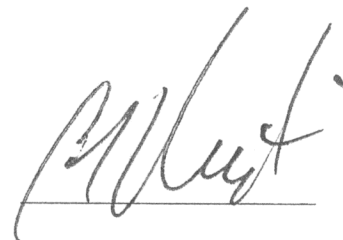
(d) This section does not grant to the department any authority regarding the approval of an application for a permit to drill an oil or gas well.

1 SECTION 2. Section 91.021, Natural Resources Code, as added
2 by this Act, applies only to a permit application filed with the
3 Railroad Commission of Texas on or after the effective date of this
4 Act. A permit application filed with the commission before the
5 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the
6 application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for
7 that purpose.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY:



1 Amend H.B. No. 1633 on third reading by striking the
2 SECTION of the bill added by Floor Amendment No. 1 on second
3 reading adding Section 85.2021(c-1), Natural Resources Code, and
4 renumbering the existing SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate.

ADOPTED

MAY 27 2015


Secretary of the Senate

ADOPTED

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

MAY 24 2015

BY:

Kelley

Lacey Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 1633 (senate committee printing) by
2 inserting the following new SECTION 2 (page 1, between lines 44
3 and 45) and renumbering the existing SECTIONS of the bill as
4 appropriate:

5 SECTION 2. Section 85.2021, Natural Resources Code, is
6 amended by adding Subsection (c-1) as follows:

7 (c-1) The commission shall charge a fee not to exceed \$300
8 to process a permit to drill an allocation well. A permit holder
9 under this subsection may allocate production with reasonable
10 probability. The commission shall adopt rules to implement the
11 fee and the allocation of production. The rules must provide for
12 extensive notice to all affected parties, including affected
13 royalty or mineral interest owners.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 28, 2015

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1633 by Romero, Jr. (Relating to application and notification requirements for a permit to drill an oil or gas well in or near an easement held by the Texas Department of Transportation.), **As Passed 2nd House**

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| <p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p> |
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The bill would amend the Natural Resources Code to require that the Railroad Commission (RRC) adopt rules to require a drilling permit application include an affirmation as to whether or not the well will be located within, or within 50 yards of, an easement held by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The bill would require the RRC to send such an application to TxDOT within 14 days of receipt. TxDOT indicates bill provisions could be reasonably absorbed within that agency's existing resources. The RRC estimates there would be a minimal cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission, 601 Department of Transportation

LBB Staff: UP, TB, SZ, ZS, TL

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Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 14, 2015

TO: Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 17, 2015

TO: Honorable Drew Darby, Chair, House Committee on Energy Resources

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1633 by Romero, Jr. (relating to application and notification requirements for a permit to drill an oil or gas well in or near an easement held by the Texas Department of Transportation.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 28, 2015

TO: Honorable Drew Darby, Chair, House Committee on Energy Resources

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1633 by Romero, Jr. (Relating to application and notification requirements for a permit to drill an oil or gas well in or near an easement held by the Texas Department of Transportation.), **As Introduced**

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