

1-1 By: Birdwell S.B. No. 879  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 22, 2025; February 13, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;  
1-4 March 27, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 27, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Birdwell	X			
1-9	Zaffirini	X			
1-10	Alvarado	X			
1-11	Blanco	X			
1-12	Flores	X			
1-13	Hancock	X			
1-14	Hughes			X	
1-15	Parker	X			
1-16	Sparks	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to an exemption for drillers or operators of closed-loop  
1-20 geothermal injection wells from certain requirements applicable to  
1-21 persons involved in activities under the jurisdiction of the  
1-22 Railroad Commission of Texas.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 27.037, Water Code, is amended by adding  
1-25 Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

1-26 (c-1) Sections 85.2021 and 91.142, Natural Resources Code,  
1-27 do not apply to a person who submits a request for authorization or  
1-28 is authorized to use a valid permit by rule issued by the railroad  
1-29 commission under this section.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 27.037, Water Code, as amended by this  
1-31 Act, applies to a permit application or materially amended permit  
1-32 application that is filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on  
1-33 or after the effective date of this Act.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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