

1-1 By: Birdwell, Sparks S.B. No. 1145
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 6, 2025; February 24, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;
1-4 March 5, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; March 5, 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 the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental
1-20 Quality to issue permits for the land application of water produced
1-21 from certain mining and oil and gas extraction operations.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 26.131, Water Code, as effective until
1-24 delegation of authority under the Resource Conservation and
1-25 Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et seq.) to the
1-26 Railroad Commission of Texas, is amended by amending Subsection (b)
1-27 and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-28 (b) Except as provided by Subsections ~~[Subsection]~~ (d) and
1-29 (e), the Railroad Commission of Texas may issue permits for the
1-30 discharge of waste resulting from the activities described by
1-31 Subsection (a), and the discharge of waste into water in this state
1-32 resulting from those activities must meet the water quality
1-33 standards established by the commission.

1-34 (e) The commission may issue permits for the land
1-35 application of produced water resulting from activities described
1-36 by Subsection (a) that has been treated for beneficial use. The
1-37 commission shall adopt standards for the land application of water
1-38 under this section, including standards that prevent the pollution
1-39 of surface and subsurface water.

1-40 SECTION 2. Section 26.131, Water Code, as effective on
1-41 delegation of authority under the Resource Conservation and
1-42 Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et seq.) to the
1-43 Railroad Commission of Texas, is amended by amending Subsection (b)
1-44 and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-45 (b) Except as provided by Subsections ~~[Subsection]~~ (c) and
1-46 (d), the Railroad Commission of Texas may issue permits for the
1-47 discharge of waste resulting from the activities described by
1-48 Subsection (a), and the discharge of waste into water in this state
1-49 resulting from those activities must meet the water quality
1-50 standards established by the commission.

1-51 (d) The commission may issue permits for the land
1-52 application of produced water resulting from activities described
1-53 by Subsection (a) that has been treated for beneficial use. The
1-54 commission shall adopt standards for the land application of water
1-55 under this section, including standards that prevent the pollution
1-56 of surface and subsurface water.

1-57 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-58 to a permit, the application for which is filed on or after the
1-59 effective date of this Act. A permit, the application for which is
1-60 filed before the effective date of this Act, is subject to the law
1-61 in effect on the date the application is filed, and that law is

2-1 continued in effect for that purpose.

2-2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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