

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 1010

By: Easley of the Senate

and

Rice and Staggs of the
House

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An Act relating to the Corporation Commission; amending 17 O.S. 1991, Section 53, which relates to well plugging; prohibiting the Commission from ordering certain wells to be plugged or closed under certain conditions; stating exception for well posing threat to public health and safety; requiring Commission to conduct public hearing; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 1991, Section 53, is amended to read as follows:

Section 53. The Corporation Commission is hereby authorized to ~~prescribe~~ promulgate rules and ~~regulations~~ for the plugging of all abandoned oil and gas wells. ~~The same~~ Abandoned wells shall be plugged under the direction and supervision of ~~the conservation agents of the~~ Corporation Commission employees as may be prescribed by the Corporation Commission. ~~All orders and regulations in reference to plugging wells shall be made after general hearing as now prescribed by law for the promulgation of orders by the Corporation Commission~~ Provided, however, the Commission shall not order any oil or gas well to be plugged or closed during any period of time the posted price of Oklahoma Sweet crude oil falls below Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per barrel for thirty (30) or more consecutive days, unless such well poses

an imminent threat to the public health and safety which shall be determined by the Commission after conducting a public hearing on the matter.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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