

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1202

By: Burns of the Senate

and

West (Rick) of the House

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An Act relating to the Corporation Commission;  
amending 17 O.S. 2021, Section 53, which relates to  
plugging wells; establishing maximum time period for  
plugging exemption; defining term; directing rule  
promulgation; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 53, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 53. A. The Corporation Commission is hereby authorized  
to promulgate rules for the plugging of all abandoned oil and gas  
wells. Abandoned wells shall be plugged under the direction and  
supervision of Commission employees as may be prescribed by the  
Commission. ~~Provided, however, the Commission shall not order any  
oil or gas well to be plugged or closed if the well is located on an  
otherwise producing oil or gas lease as defined by the Commission,~~

1 ~~unless such well poses an imminent threat to the public health and~~  
2 ~~safety which shall be determined by the Commission after conducting~~  
3 ~~a public hearing on the matter.~~

4 B. 1. A shut-in gas well exempt from plugging by the  
5 Commission pursuant to this title or to Commission rule shall only  
6 be exempt for a maximum of five (5) years from the date that such  
7 well is shut in.

8 2. As used in this section, "shut-in gas well" means a well  
9 which is capable of production by opening valves or activating  
10 existing equipment.

11 C. The Commission shall promulgate rules to effectuate the  
12 provisions of this section and establish any necessary enforcement  
13 measures.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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