

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 132 By: Burns and Green of the
Senate
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and
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Boles of the House
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6 An Act relating to the Corporation Commission;
amending 17 O.S. 2021, Section 53, which relates to
7 plugging wells; establishing maximum time period for
plugging certain wells; defining term; directing rule
8 promulgation; and providing an effective date.

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11 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill
and insert:
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14 "An Act relating to the Corporation Commission;
amending 17 O.S. 2021, Section 53, which relates to
15 plugging wells; establishing maximum time period for
plugging certain wells; authorizing the Corporation
16 Commission to grant exceptions for good cause;
providing examples of good cause; defining terms;
17 directing rule promulgation and the establishment of
enforcement measures; and providing an effective
18 date.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 53, is
23 amended to read as follows:
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1 Section 53. A. The Corporation Commission is hereby authorized
2 to promulgate rules for the plugging of all ~~abandoned oil and gas~~
3 wells subject to its jurisdiction. ~~Abandoned~~ All wells shall be
4 plugged under the direction and supervision of Commission employees
5 as may be prescribed by the Commission. Provided, however, the
6 Commission shall not order any oil ~~or gas~~ well to be plugged or
7 closed if the well is located on an otherwise producing oil ~~or gas~~
8 lease as defined by the Commission, unless such well poses an
9 imminent threat to the public health and safety which shall be
10 determined by the Commission after conducting a public hearing on
11 the matter.

12 B. 1. Any idle gas well must be plugged if it has not produced
13 gas for a ten-year period beginning at any point after the effective
14 date of this act, provided that the operator, owner, or other
15 responsible parties may be granted an exception by demonstrating
16 good cause to the Corporation Commission. Good cause may include,
17 but is not limited to, evidence regarding the gas well's future use
18 for production, injection, carbon storage, and geothermal energy
19 generation, pursuant to Corporation Commission rules.

20 2. Any operator with a gas well that is not producing gas as of
21 the effective date of this act shall have ten (10) years from the
22 effective date of this act to either plug or produce from the well,
23 provided that the operator, owner, or other responsible parties may
24 be granted an exception by demonstrating good cause to the

1 Corporation Commission. Good cause may include, but is not limited
2 to, evidence regarding the gas well's future use for production,
3 injection, carbon storage, and geothermal energy generation,
4 pursuant to Corporation Commission rules.

5 C. As used in this section:

6 1. "Idle gas well" means a nonproducing gas well with respect
7 to which there has been no commercial production (i.e., from which
8 there has been no sale of natural gas) for the preceding ten (10)
9 years; and no reasonable case is made by the named operator for its
10 future use, including, without limitation, for production,
11 injection, carbon storage, and geothermal energy generation;

12 2. "Nonproducing well" means a well that was drilled for the
13 purpose of producing hydrocarbons and that is currently shut-in or
14 temporarily abandoned;

15 3. "Shut-in" means a well that is completed, not producing, but
16 is mechanically capable of production and has requisite surface
17 facilities; and

18 4. "Temporarily abandoned" means a well that is completed, not
19 producing, and is not shut-in.

20 D. The Commission shall promulgate rules to effectuate the
21 provisions of this section and establish any necessary enforcement
22 measures.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025."
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of May, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of
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6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2025.

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10 promulgation; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 53, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 53. A. The Corporation Commission is hereby authorized
15 to promulgate rules for the plugging of all abandoned oil and gas
16 wells. Abandoned wells, including shut-in gas wells, shall be
17 plugged under the direction and supervision of Commission employees
18 as may be prescribed by the Commission. Provided, however, the
19 Commission shall not order any oil ~~or gas~~ well to be plugged or
20 closed if the well is located on an otherwise producing oil ~~or gas~~
21 lease as defined by the Commission, unless such well poses an
22 imminent threat to the public health and safety which shall be
23 determined by the Commission after conducting a public hearing on
24 the matter.

1 B. A shut-in gas well may be shut-in for a period not to exceed
2 seven (7) years.

3 C. 1. Any operator with a gas well that is shut-in prior to
4 the effective date of this act shall have ten (10) years from the
5 effective date of this act to either plug or produce from the well.

6 2. An operator with gas wells that are shut-in prior to the
7 effective date of this act shall reduce the number of shut-in gas
8 wells by plugging or producing from such wells as follows:

9 a. not later than July 1, 2028, by reducing the number of
10 shut-in gas wells by at least twenty-five percent
11 (25%),

12 b. not later than July 1, 2031, by reducing the number of
13 shut-in gas wells by at least fifty percent (50%), and

14 c. not later than July 1, 2035, by plugging or producing
15 from all remaining shut-in gas wells.

16 D. As used in this section, "shut-in gas well" means a well
17 that is capable of producing gas by opening valves or activating
18 existing equipment and is capable of producing gas in paying
19 quantities. Such reasons for nonproduction may include lack of
20 suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market.

21 E. The Commission shall promulgate rules to effectuate the
22 provisions of this section and establish any necessary enforcement
23 measures.

24 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

1 Passed the Senate the 25th day of March, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2025.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House
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