

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB132 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Brad Boles

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

1 PROPOSED
2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
3 FOR ENGROSSED
4 SENATE BILL NO. 132

By: Burns and Green of the
Senate

and

Boles of the House

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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 certain wells; 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~~ idle oil and
gas wells. ~~Abandoned wells~~ Idle 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, unless such well poses an imminent threat

1 to the public health and safety which shall be determined by the
2 Commission after conducting a public hearing on the matter.

3 B. An idle gas well may be shut-in for a period not to exceed
4 seven (7) years.

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

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

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

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

15 c. not later than July 1, 2035, by plugging or producing
16 from all remaining idle gas wells.

17 D. As used in this section:

18 1. "Idle well" or "idle gas well" means a non-producing well
19 with respect to which there has been no commercial production (i.e.,
20 from which there has been no sale of crude oil or natural gas) for
21 the preceding seven (7) years; and no reasonable case is made by the
22 named operator for its future use, including, without limitation,
23 for production, injection, carbon storage, and geothermal energy
24 generation;

1 2. "Non-producing well" means a well that was drilled for the
2 purpose of producing hydrocarbons and that is currently shut-in or
3 temporarily abandoned;

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

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

9 E. The Commission shall promulgate rules to effectuate the
10 provisions of this section and establish any necessary enforcement
11 measures.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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