

1 As used in the Well Repurposing Act:

2 1. "Energy storage" means the ability to capture energy sources
3 at one time for use at a later time;

4 2. "Geothermal energy development" means the development of
5 geothermal resources; and

6 3. "Geothermal resources" means the natural heat of the earth
7 in excess of two hundred fifty degrees (250°) Fahrenheit, or the
8 energy, in whatever form, below the surface of the earth present in,
9 resulting from, created by, or that may be extracted from this
10 natural heat in excess of two hundred fifty degrees (250°)
11 Fahrenheit, and all minerals in solution or other products obtained
12 from naturally heated fluids, brines, associated gases and steam, in
13 whatever form, found below the surface of the earth, but excluding
14 oil, hydrocarbon gas and other hydrocarbon substances, and excluding
15 the heating and cooling capacity of the earth not resulting from the
16 natural heat of the earth in excess of two hundred fifty degrees
17 (250°) Fahrenheit, as may be used for the heating and cooling of
18 buildings through an onsite geo-exchange heat pump or similar onsite
19 system.

20 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 952 of Title 52, unless there is
22 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 The Corporation Commission may authorize the conversion of an
24 oil or gas well into a facility that provides or supports energy

1 storage or geothermal energy development. When authorizing such a
2 conversion, the Commission may establish fees and financial
3 assurance requirements specific to the energy storage or geothermal
4 development uses.

5 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 953 of Title 52, unless there is
7 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. An oil or gas well that is authorized by the Corporation
9 Commission pursuant to the Well Repurposing Act to be used for
10 energy storage and that is actively operated for energy storage
11 shall not be considered an inactive or abandoned well and shall be
12 considered a well that is being used for beneficial purposes.

13 B. If an oil or gas well authorized for energy storage ceases
14 storage operations for twelve (12) months or longer, the well shall
15 be plugged and abandoned pursuant to state law and rules issued by
16 the Corporation Commission.

17 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
20 OVERSIGHT, dated 02/25/2026 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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