

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for SB 132 establishes requirements for idle gas wells, which are defined in the measure. The measure requires an idle gas well to be plugged if it has not produced gas within the last 10 years. However, the Corporation Commission may grant exemptions to well operators in certain circumstances.

An operator with idle wells that have not been in production for 10 years must reduce their number of such wells in the following manner:

- They must plug or produce from 25% of their idle wells by July 1, 2028;
- They must plug or produce from 50% of their idle wells by July 1, 2031; and
- All of their idle wells must be either plugged or producing by July 1, 2035.

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Fiscal Analysis

The proposed committee substitute to SB 132 re-classifies abandoned wells as idle wells and establishes operator guidelines regarding certain idle gas wells. The Corporation Commission estimates there to be a one-time fiscal impact of Forty Thousand Five Hundred and One Dollars (\$40,501) in order to promulgate rules regarding the provisions of this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.