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Bill Analysis

SB 132 provides that any owner of a shut-in gas well shall gradually reduce the number of such idle wells. By July 1, 2028, such owners shall be required to reduce the amount of shut-in wells by 25%. The amount shall be reduced by 50% no later than July 1, 2031, and by 100% no later than July 1, 2035. The measure directs the Corporation Commission to promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this measure. Any operator that has not produced gas for a consecutive period of time period of less than 20 years prior to the effective date shall have 10 years from the effective date to plug such wells. The measure specifies that the time frame for the shut-in wells shall be continual in nature and shall not change with ownership of the well. The measure also defines a shut-in well, nonproducing well, idle gas well, and temporarily abandoned well.

CCR Changes

The Conference Committee Report for SB 132 adds definitions for nonproducing well, idle gas well, and temporarily abandoned well. The CCR also modifies the time period owners of shut-in wells have to produce as compared to the engrossed version.

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