

By: Darby

H.B. No. 4856

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4856:

By: King of Uvalde

C.S.H.B. No. 4856

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on
3 Environmental Quality over certain recharge injection wells.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 27.201, Water Code, is amended by adding
6 Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

7 (1-a) "Fluid oil and gas waste" has the meaning
8 assigned by Section 122.001, Natural Resources Code.

9 SECTION 2. Section 27.202, Water Code, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 Sec. 27.202. JURISDICTION. (a) The commission has
12 exclusive jurisdiction over the regulation and permitting of
13 recharge injection wells, including recharge injection wells used
14 for the injection of fluid oil and gas waste.

15 (b) A recharge injection well may not be used for the
16 injection of fluid oil and gas waste unless the waste has been
17 treated to meet the standards adopted by the commission under this
18 subchapter.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.