

1-1 By: Ratliff S.B. No. 1954
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed May 16, 2003; May 16, 2003, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;
1-4 May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a requirement that the Bureau of Economic Geology of The
1-9 University of Texas at Austin conduct a study of the East Texas Oil
1-10 Field.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Chapter 85, Natural Resources Code, is amended
1-13 by adding Subchapter L to read as follows:

1-14 SUBCHAPTER L. STUDY OF EAST TEXAS OIL FIELD

1-15 Sec. 85.401. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-16 (1) "Advisory committee" means the East Texas Oil
1-17 Field Advisory Committee.

1-18 (2) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Economic Geology of
1-19 The University of Texas at Austin.

1-20 Sec. 85.402. STUDY OF FIELD. The bureau shall conduct a
1-21 study of the East Texas Oil Field for the purpose of making
1-22 comprehensive recommendations regarding measures that should be
1-23 taken to maximize the ultimate recovery of oil and gas from the
1-24 field.

1-25 Sec. 85.403. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The advisory
1-26 committee is composed of the following persons appointed by the
1-27 bureau:

1-28 (1) a member of the board of trustees of the Kilgore
1-29 Independent School District;

1-30 (2) a member of the board of trustees of the White Oak
1-31 Independent School District;

1-32 (3) a member of the board of trustees of the Pine Tree
1-33 Independent School District;

1-34 (4) a member of the board of trustees of Kilgore Junior
1-35 College or an employee of Kilgore Junior College; and

1-36 (5) three representatives of the oil industry.

1-37 (b) The advisory committee shall advise the bureau with
1-38 regard to the study required by Section 85.402.

1-39 Sec. 85.404. REPORT. The bureau shall make a report on or
1-40 before January 1, 2005, to the governor, lieutenant governor, and
1-41 speaker of the house of representatives containing comprehensive
1-42 recommendations regarding measures that should be taken to maximize
1-43 the ultimate recovery of oil and gas from the East Texas Oil Field.

1-44 Sec. 85.405. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires and the
1-45 advisory committee is abolished September 1, 2005.

1-46 SECTION 2. (a) The Bureau of Economic Geology of The
1-47 University of Texas at Austin is required to implement this Act only
1-48 if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that
1-49 purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money
1-50 specifically for that purpose, the bureau may, but is not required
1-51 to, implement this Act using other appropriations available for
1-52 that purpose.

1-53 (b) If the operators of oil or gas wells in the East Texas
1-54 Oil Field implement the recommendations contained in the report
1-55 required by Section 85.404, Natural Resources Code, as added by
1-56 this Act, and that implementation results in an increase in the
1-57 amount of oil and gas produced from the field, the legislature shall
1-58 provide for recovery of the cost of implementing this Act from the
1-59 owners or operators of the wells in the manner the legislature
1-60 determines to be most appropriate.

1-61 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-62 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-63 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-64 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2-1 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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