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H.B. No. 2055

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the regulation of oil production by the Railroad  
3 Commission of Texas.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 85.043, Natural Resources Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 85.043. APPLICATION OF CERTAIN RULES AND ORDERS. If  
8 the commission requires a showing that refined products were  
9 manufactured from oil legally produced, the requirement shall be of  
10 uniform application throughout the state; provided that, if the  
11 rule or order is promulgated for the purpose of controlling a  
12 condition in any local area or preventing a violation in any local  
13 area, then on the complaint of a person that the same or similar  
14 conditions exist in some other local area and the promulgation and  
15 enforcement of the rule could be beneficially applied to that  
16 additional area, the commission may [~~shall~~] determine whether or  
17 not those conditions do exist, and if it is shown that they do, the  
18 rule or order may [~~shall~~] be enlarged to include the additional  
19 area.

20 SECTION 2. Section 85.053(a), Natural Resources Code, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (a) If a rule or order of the commission limits or fixes in a  
23 pool or portion of a pool the production of oil, or the production  
24 of gas from wells producing gas only, the commission may [~~shall~~]

1 distribute, prorate, or otherwise apportion or allocate the  
2 allowable production among the various producers on a reasonable  
3 basis.

4 SECTION 3. Sections 85.054(a) and (c), Natural Resources  
5 Code, are amended to read as follows:

6 (a) To prevent unreasonable discrimination in favor of one  
7 pool as against another, and on written complaint and proof of such  
8 discrimination or if the commission on its own initiative finds  
9 such an action to be necessary, the commission may allocate or  
10 apportion the allowable production of oil on a fair and reasonable  
11 basis among the various pools in the state.

12 (c) The commission may [~~shall~~] determine the reasonable  
13 market demand of the respective pool as the basis for determining  
14 the allotments to be assigned to the respective pool so that  
15 discrimination may be prevented.

16 SECTION 4. Sections 85.055(a) and (c), Natural Resources  
17 Code, are amended to read as follows:

18 (a) If full production from wells producing gas only from a  
19 common source of supply of gas in this state is in excess of the  
20 reasonable market demand, the commission may [~~shall~~] inquire into  
21 the production and reasonable market demand for the gas and shall  
22 determine the allowable production from the common source of  
23 supply.

24 (c) The commission may [~~shall~~] allocate, distribute, or  
25 apportion the allowable production from the common source of supply  
26 among the various producers on a reasonable basis and shall limit  
27 the production of each producer to the amount allocated or

1 apporportioned to the producer.

2 SECTION 5. Section 85.058, Natural Resources Code, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 85.058. COMMISSION INQUIRY AND DETERMINATION. From  
5 time to time, the commission may [~~shall~~] inquire into the  
6 production, storage, transportation, refining, reclaiming,  
7 treating, marketing, and processing of oil and gas, and the  
8 reasonable market demand for oil and gas, so that it may determine  
9 whether or not waste exists or is imminent or whether the oil and  
10 gas conservation laws of this state or the rules and orders of the  
11 commission promulgated under those laws are being violated.

12 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.