

Amend SB 3 on third reading by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE and renumbering the subsequent ARTICLES of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. DISPOSAL WELL PERMITS

SECTION _____.01. Section 27.034, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and (a-3) to read as follows:

(a-1) In connection with an application for a permit to dispose of oil and gas waste in a commercial disposal well, as defined by the railroad commission, the rules adopted under Subsection (a) must, at a minimum:

(1) require the applicant to give notice of the application to:

(A) each owner of record of each surface tract that adjoins the tract on which the well is proposed to be located;

(B) the commissioners court of the county in which the well is proposed to be located; and

(C) any groundwater conservation district in which the well is proposed to be located;

(2) require each owner of record of a surface tract who receives notice of the application under Subdivision (1)(A) to give notice of the application to each surface lessee or purchaser under a contract for deed, executory contract, or other executory conveyance of the tract who occupies a residence located on the tract;

(3) require the applicant to publish notice of the application in:

(A) a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the well is proposed to be located; and

(B) the newspaper that is published in closest proximity to the proposed site of the well; and

(4) provide each person who receives notice of the application under Subdivision (1) an opportunity to request a public hearing on the application.

(a-2) The failure of a person who receives notice of an application under Subsection (a-1)(1)(A) to give notice of the application to any person to whom the person is required to give notice under Subsection (a-1)(2) does not invalidate any permit

issued by the railroad commission.

(a-3) The railroad commission is not required to hold more than one public hearing on an application regardless of the number of persons who request a hearing.

SECTION ____ .02. Section 27.105(a), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates a provision of this chapter under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission, a rule of the railroad commission other than a rule adopted under Section 27.034(a-1)(2), or a term, condition, or provision of a permit issued by the railroad commission under this chapter is subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 for each violation and for each day of violation. A violation under the jurisdiction of the commission is enforceable under Section 7.157.