

By: King of Parker

H.B. No. 3402

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a restriction on the location of a well drilled for oil or gas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 91, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 91.019 to read as follows:

Sec. 91.019. RESTRICTION ON LOCATION OF CERTAIN OIL AND GAS WELLS. A person may not drill a well for oil or gas at a location that is:

(1) in an unincorporated area of a county; and

(2) less than 500 feet from an established residence.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a well for which the Railroad Commission of Texas issues a drilling permit on or after the effective date of this Act. A well for which the Railroad Commission of Texas issues a drilling permit before the effective date of this Act is subject to the law in effect on the date the permit is issued, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.