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H.B. No. 4026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the application of new requirements for Class II  
3 injection wells to be adopted by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

5 SECTION 1. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
6 of this Act, the Railroad Commission of Texas shall adopt rules  
7 governing all aspects of the management and operation of a new Class  
8 II injection well, as that term is defined by the commission,  
9 including the regulation of surface facilities associated with the  
10 well, for which a permit has not been issued on or before the  
11 effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 2. (a) The Railroad Commission of Texas shall  
13 suspend the permitting process for any pending application for a  
14 permit for a new Class II injection well, as that term is defined by  
15 the commission, until the rules adopted under Section 1 of this Act  
16 take effect.

17 (b) The Railroad Commission of Texas shall provide that the  
18 rules adopted under Section 1 of this Act apply to every application  
19 for a permit for a new Class II injection well that is filed on or  
20 after the effective date of this Act and every application for a  
21 permit for a new Class II injection well that is pending on the  
22 effective date of this Act.

23 (c) The Railroad Commission of Texas may allow an applicant  
24 who filed such an application that is pending on the effective date

1 of this Act to amend the application to conform to the rules adopted  
2 under Section 1 of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.