

Amend the senate committee printing of **CSHB 725** by adding the following SECTIONS and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 36.118, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsections (e-1) and (e-2) to read as follows:

(e-1) Except as provided by Subsection (e-2), in addition to other remedies provided by law, the district is entitled to recover the district's attorney's fees, court costs, and reasonable expenses incurred in closing or capping the well from the owner of the land on which the well is located.

(e-2) An entity that drills a well to develop subsurface resources not owned by the landowner is liable for expenses incurred in closing or capping the well, unless the landowner assumes responsibility for the well.

SECTION _____. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.