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H.B. No. 497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of the law governing saltwater pipeline facilities located in the vicinity of public roads.

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

SECTION 1. Section 91.901(1), Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Saltwater pipeline facility" means a pipeline facility that conducts water that contains ~~[containing]~~ salt and other substances and is intended to be used in drilling or operating a well used in the exploration for or production of oil or gas, including an injection well used for enhanced recovery operations, or is produced during drilling or operating an oil, gas, or other type of well. The term includes a pipeline facility that conducts flowback and produced water from an oil or gas well on which a hydraulic fracturing treatment has been performed to an oil and gas waste disposal well for disposal.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.