

1 AN ACT

2 relating to application and notification requirements for a permit  
3 to drill an oil or gas well in or near an easement held by the Texas  
4 Department of Transportation.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 91, Natural Resources  
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 91.021 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 91.021. NOTICE OF PERMIT TO DRILL WELL IN  
9 TRANSPORTATION EASEMENT. (a) In this section, "department" means  
10 the Texas Department of Transportation.

11 (b) The commission shall adopt rules to require that an  
12 application for a permit to drill an oil or gas well include an  
13 affirmation as to whether or not the well is located within an  
14 easement held by the department or within 50 yards of an easement  
15 held by the department.

16 (c) Not later than the 14th day after the date the  
17 commission receives an application for a permit to drill an oil or  
18 gas well that contains an affirmation that the well is located  
19 within an easement held by the department or within 50 yards of an  
20 easement held by the department, the commission shall transmit a  
21 copy of the application to the department.

22 (d) This section does not grant to the department any  
23 authority regarding the approval of an application for a permit to  
24 drill an oil or gas well.

1           SECTION 2. Section 91.021, Natural Resources Code, as added  
2 by this Act, applies only to a permit application filed with the  
3 Railroad Commission of Texas on or after the effective date of this  
4 Act. A permit application filed with the commission before the  
5 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the  
6 application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for  
7 that purpose.

8           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1633 was passed by the House on May 8, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 131, Nays 6, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1633 on May 29, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1633 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 8.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor