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H.B. No. 2230

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental  
3 Quality to authorize an injection well used for oil and gas waste  
4 disposal to be used for the disposal of nonhazardous brine produced  
5 by a desalination operation or nonhazardous drinking water  
6 treatment residuals.

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

8 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 27, Water Code, is amended  
9 by adding Section 27.026 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 27.026. DUAL AUTHORIZATION OF INJECTION WELLS TO  
11 INJECT NONHAZARDOUS BRINE FROM DESALINATION OPERATIONS OR  
12 NONHAZARDOUS DRINKING WATER TREATMENT RESIDUALS. (a) The  
13 commission may authorize by individual permit, by general permit,  
14 or by rule a Class V injection well for the injection of  
15 nonhazardous brine from a desalination operation or nonhazardous  
16 drinking water treatment residuals into a Class II injection well  
17 that is also permitted by the railroad commission under Subchapter  
18 C.

19 (b) The commission and railroad commission by rule shall  
20 enter or amend a memorandum of understanding to implement and  
21 administer this section.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.