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S.B. No. 1990

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure of information about water used in hydraulic fracturing.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter S, Chapter 91, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER S. DISCLOSURE OF [~~COMPOSITION OF~~] HYDRAULIC FRACTURING
INFORMATION [~~FLUIDS~~]

SECTION 2. Subchapter S, Chapter 91, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 91.852 to read as follows:

Sec. 91.852. DISCLOSURE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WATER VOLUMES. (a) The commission shall require an operator of a well on which a hydraulic fracturing treatment is performed to submit to the commission:

(1) the total volume of water used in the hydraulic fracturing treatment, with the volume from each source of water listed separately;

(2) the total volumes from all sources of fresh water, brackish water, and saline water, listed by type, used in the hydraulic fracturing treatment; and

(3) the total volume of water returning to the surface after the hydraulic fracturing treatment.

(b) The commission shall create and maintain an Internet website to collect and make available to the public the information

1 described by Subsection (a).

2 SECTION 3. Section 91.852, Natural Resources Code, as added
3 by this Act, applies only to a hydraulic fracturing treatment
4 performed on a well for which an initial drilling permit is issued
5 on or after the date the initial rules adopted by the Railroad
6 Commission of Texas under that section take effect. A hydraulic
7 fracturing treatment performed on a well for which an initial
8 drilling permit is issued before the date the initial rules take
9 effect is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the
10 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
11 that purpose.

12 SECTION 4. The Railroad Commission of Texas shall adopt
13 rules under Section 91.852, Natural Resources Code, as added by
14 this Act, not later than January 1, 2016.

15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.