

Amend CSHB 1818 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 27.034(a), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The railroad commission shall adopt rules and procedures reasonably required for the performance of its powers, duties, and functions under this chapter, including rules for notice and ~~[procedure of]~~ public hearings. The rules for notice shall included provisions for giving notice to local governments and affected persons. The railroad commission shall define "affected person" by rule. The rules for public hearings shall require the railroad commission to hold a public hearing in the county in which the site of a proposed injection well is located to receive public comment for consideration by the commission in determining whether to grant the application for a permit for the well.