

Amend CSHB 1818 (house committee report) 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 include 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 municipality in which the site of a proposed injection well is located if:

(1) the municipality has a population of 150,000 or more; and

(2) a member of the legislature whose district includes all or part of the territory of the municipality requests that the railroad commission hold a public hearing.