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H.B. No. 3091

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas of
3 injection wells used to dispose of oil and gas waste; authorizing a
4 fee.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 27.031, Water Code, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 27.031. PERMIT FROM RAILROAD COMMISSION; REPORT. (a)
9 No person may continue using a disposal well or begin drilling a
10 disposal well or converting an existing well into a disposal well to
11 dispose of oil and gas waste without first obtaining a permit from
12 the railroad commission.

13 (b) The railroad commission shall require a permit holder to
14 provide the commission with a daily report regarding:

15 (1) the amount of produced water injected into the
16 disposal well; and

17 (2) the surface injection pressure data taken from the
18 disposal well.

19 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 27, Water Code, is amended
20 by adding Sections 27.0311 and 27.038 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 27.0311. FEE. (a) For each injection well issued a
22 permit, the railroad commission shall impose a fee of:

23 (1) one cent per barrel of oil and gas waste injected
24 if the oil and gas waste is produced within the commission oil and

1 gas division district in which the injection well is located; or
2 (2) ten cents per barrel of oil and gas waste injected
3 if the oil and gas waste is not produced within the commission oil
4 and gas division district in which the injection well is located.

5 (b) A fee collected under Subsection (a) shall be deposited
6 in the injection and abandoned wells cleanup fund under Section
7 27.038.

8 Sec. 27.038. INJECTION AND ABANDONED WELLS CLEANUP FUND.

9 (a) The injection and abandoned wells cleanup fund is created as an
10 account in the general revenue fund of the state treasury.

11 (b) The fund consists of fees collected under Section
12 27.0311.

13 (c) Money in the injection and abandoned wells cleanup fund
14 may be used by the railroad commission or its employees or agents
15 only to fund projects related to researching:

16 (1) the reuse and treatment for reuse of produced
17 water; and

18 (2) the surface remediation and plugging of abandoned
19 wells.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.