

## **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

March 6, 2025

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
4 SENATE BILL NO. 132

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By: Burns and Green of the  
Senate

and

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An Act relating to the Corporation Commission; amending 17 O.S. 2021, Section 53, which relates to plugging wells; establishing maximum time period for plugging certain wells; defining term; directing rule promulgation; and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2021, Section 53, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17       Section 53. A. The Corporation Commission is hereby authorized  
18 to promulgate rules for the plugging of all abandoned oil and gas  
19 wells. Abandoned wells, including shut-in gas wells, shall be  
20 plugged under the direction and supervision of Commission employees  
21 as may be prescribed by the Commission. Provided, however, the  
22 Commission shall not order any oil ~~or~~ gas well to be plugged or  
23 closed if the well is located on an otherwise producing oil ~~or~~ gas  
24 lease as defined by the Commission, unless such well poses an

1 imminent threat to the public health and safety which shall be  
2 determined by the Commission after conducting a public hearing on  
3 the matter.

4       B. A shut-in gas well may be shut-in for a period not to exceed  
5       seven (7) years.

6       C. 1. Any operator with a gas well that is shut-in prior to  
7       the effective date of this act shall have ten (10) years from the  
8       effective date of this act to either plug or produce from the well.

9       2. An operator with gas wells that are shut-in prior to the  
10      effective date of this act shall reduce the number of shut-in gas  
11      wells by plugging or producing from such wells as follows:

12       a. not later than July 1, 2028, by reducing the number of  
13       shut-in gas wells by at least twenty-five percent  
14       (25%),

15       b. not later than July 1, 2031, by reducing the number of  
16       shut-in gas wells by at least fifty percent (50%), and

17       c. not later than July 1, 2035, by plugging or producing  
18       from all remaining shut-in gas wells.

19       D. As used in this section, "shut-in gas well" means a well  
20      that is capable of producing gas by opening valves or activating  
21      existing equipment and is capable of producing gas in paying  
22      quantities. Such reasons for nonproduction may include lack of  
23      suitable production facilities or lack of a suitable market.

1       E. The Commission shall promulgate rules to effectuate the  
2 provisions of this section and establish any necessary enforcement  
3 measures.

4       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY  
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