

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
4 SENATE BILL 132

By: Burns and Green of the
Senate

5 and

6 Boles of the House

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

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

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

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

1 lease as defined by the Commission, unless such well poses an
2 imminent threat to the public health and safety which shall be
3 determined by the Commission after conducting a public hearing on
4 the matter.

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

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

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

13 a. not later than July 1, 2028, by reducing the number of
14 shut-in gas wells by at least twenty-five percent
15 (25%),

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

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

20 D. As used in this section, "shut-in gas well" means a well
21 that is capable of producing gas by opening valves or activating
22 existing equipment and is capable of producing gas in paying
23 quantities. Such reasons for nonproduction may include lack of
24 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.

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