

By: King of Uvalde

H.B. No. 3947

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to county fee imposed on operators of oil and gas waste disposal wells.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 240, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 240.908 to read as follows:

Sec. 240.908. OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL IMPACT FEE.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Injection well" and "oil and gas waste" have the meanings assigned by Section 27.002, Water Code.

(2) "Oil and gas waste disposal well" means an injection well that is used for the injection of oil and gas waste.

(b) The commissioners court of a county may impose a fee on each operator of an oil and gas waste disposal well located in the county. The fee may be assessed in an amount and on a schedule as determined by the commissioners court to adequately provide funds to the county for maintaining county roads that suffer deterioration caused by activities associated with oil and gas waste disposal in the county.

(c) Funds collected under this section shall be deposited in the county's general fund. The funds may be used only for maintaining county roads that suffer deterioration caused by activities associated with oil and gas waste disposal in the county.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.