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H.B. No. 3198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to permitting for injection wells in certain oil and gas producing counties.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 27, Subchapter C, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 27.0331 as follows:

Sec. 27.033. LETTER FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODY. A person making application to the railroad commission for an oil and gas waste disposal well permit for a location within a Railroad Commission of Texas oil and gas division district with 315 or more total completions in the preceding year shall submit with the application a letter of support or opposition from the governing body of the county in which the well is to be located. The letter should state with specificity the reasons the governing body supports or opposes the proposed well. The Railroad Commission shall consider the letter in determining whether the issuance of the permit is in the public interest.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.