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H.B. No. 3198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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