

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 15, 2024

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1202

By: Burns of the Senate

and

West (Rick) of the House

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9 [ Corporation Commission - plugging wells - rule  
10 promulgation - effective date ]

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

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

15 Section 53. A. The Corporation Commission is hereby authorized  
16 to promulgate rules for the plugging of all abandoned oil and gas  
17 wells. Abandoned wells shall be plugged under the direction and  
18 supervision of Commission employees as may be prescribed by the  
19 Commission. ~~Provided, however, the Commission shall not order any~~  
20 ~~oil or gas well to be plugged or closed if the well is located on an~~  
21 ~~otherwise producing oil or gas lease as defined by the Commission,~~  
22 ~~unless such well poses an imminent threat to the public health and~~  
23 ~~safety which shall be determined by the Commission after conducting~~  
24 ~~a public hearing on the matter.~~

1        B. 1. A shut-in gas well exempt from plugging by the  
2 Commission pursuant to this title or to Commission rule shall only  
3 be exempt for a maximum of five (5) years from the date that such  
4 well is shut in.

5        2. As used in this section, "shut-in gas well" means a well  
6 which is capable of production by opening valves or activating  
7 existing equipment.

8        C. The Commission shall promulgate rules to effectuate the  
9 provisions of this section and establish any necessary enforcement  
10 measures.

11        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

12        COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
13        February 15, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED BY CS