



LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
AS OF 4-15-2009

Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association

81st Legislative Session – 2009

PRIORITIES:

Defend against any efforts to pass legislation mandating forced pooling/forced unitization.

Improve Texas statutes to require operators to remove old junk equipment associated with wells that have been inactive for many years.

Modify laws that allow inactive wells to remain unplugged in a manner that encourages timely plugging of non-producing wells.

Fully fund the Railroad Commission to increase the number of field inspectors.

Support changes to eminent domain laws to ensure landowners are treated fairly.

DETAILS: Bill filing deadline is March 13, 2009. Many bills have already been filed affecting oil and gas operations, mineral interests, and property rights. Committee activity has not yet begun, however, TLMA will be testifying on many of these bills.

ENERGY BILLS TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO...

- HB 472 / SB 1907 (Hilderbran / Hinojosa) – Relating to the requirements regarding reporting by a common carrier or pipeline owner or operator of contamination.
- HB 1533 (Burnam) – Relating to notice of and action on applications for permits to drill certain gas wells.
- HB 2259 / SB 1378 (Crownover / Duncan) – Relating to the plugging of inactive oil or gas wells.
- HB 4246 (Keffer) – Relating to the reporting of lost or unaccounted gas by the first purchaser and the tax due by the first purchaser on lost or unaccounted for gas.
- HJR 62 (Farabee) – Providing that the Railroad Commission of Texas is governed by a single elected railroad commissioner.
- SB 540 (Estes) – Relating to notice of an application for permit to dispose of oil and gas waste in a disposal well.
- SB 2170 HB 2853 (Seliger / Farabee) – Relating to the amount and use of certain fees imposed in connection with oil and gas activities.