

## CHAPTER 704

H.B. No. 948

An Act relating to casing that must be used for oil and gas wells.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 91.011, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 91.011. CASING. Before drilling into the oil or gas bearing rock, the owner or operator of a well being drilled for oil or gas shall encase the well with good and sufficient wrought iron or steel casing *or with any other material that meets standards adopted by the commission, particularly where wells could be subjected to corrosive elements or high pressures and temperatures*, in a manner that will exclude surface or fresh water from the lower part of the well from penetrating the oil or gas bearing rock, and if the well is drilled through the first into the lower oil or gas bearing rock, the well shall be cased in a manner that will exclude fresh water above the last oil or gas bearing rock penetrated.

**SECTION 2.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional

rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on March 28, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 115, Nays 24, 2 present, not voting; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 948 on May 20, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 4.

Approved: June 14, 1985

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