

CHAPTER 805

H.B. No. 2082

AN ACT

relating to ad valorem tax relief for certain offshore drilling equipment that is not in use.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 11.271 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.271. OFFSHORE DRILLING EQUIPMENT NOT IN USE. An owner or lessee of a marine or mobile drilling unit designed for offshore drilling of oil or gas wells is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the drilling unit if the drilling unit:

- (1) is being stored in a county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico or on a bay or other body of water immediately adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico;*
- (2) is not being stored for the sole purpose of repair or maintenance; and*
- (3) is not being used to drill a well at the location at which it is being stored.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 1988, but only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, to authorize the legislature to provide ad valorem tax relief for certain offshore drilling equipment that is not in use, is approved by the voters. If that proposed constitutional amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.

SECTION 3. 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.

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70th LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

Passed by the House on April 30, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 20, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Jan. 1, 1988, upon adoption of H.J.R. No. 96.