

SENATE BILL No. 238

By Committee on Utilities

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9 AN ACT relating to oil and gas; concerning fees for application of intent
10 to drill a well; amending K.S.A. 55-151 and repealing the existing
11 section.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 55-151 is hereby amended to read as follows: 55-
15 151. (a) Prior to the drilling of any well, every operator shall file an ap-
16 plication of intent to drill with the commission. Such application shall
17 include such information as required by the commission and shall be on
18 a form prescribed by the commission. No change in the use of a well shall
19 be made without express approval of the commission. ~~No fee shall be~~
20 ~~required to accompany any application of intent to drill a well. The state~~
21 ~~corporation commission shall have the authority to adopt rules and reg-~~
22 ~~ulations to fix, charge and collect fees for an application of intent to drill~~
23 ~~a well.~~ No drilling shall be commenced until the authorized agents of the
24 commission have approved the application. The agent, in giving approval,
25 shall determine that the proposed construction of the well will protect all
26 usable waters. Such approval shall include the amount of pipe necessary
27 to protect all usable water, plugging requirements upon abandonment
28 and such other requirements deemed appropriate by the commission.
29 The commission may refuse to process any application submitted pur-
30 suant to this section unless the applicant has been in compliance with all
31 rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this act.

32 (b) The commission shall ~~send~~ *make available* to the secretary of the
33 department of health and environment ~~copies of~~ *information related to*
34 all notifications of intents to drill. The commission shall ~~send~~ *make avail-*
35 *able* to the clerk of any county in which a well will be drilled ~~a copy of~~
36 *information related to* the intent to drill *for* such well.

37 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 55-151 is hereby repealed.

38 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
39 publication in the statute book.