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intergovernmental transfer to the state toward eligibility for state assistance if the transfer was made to provide health care services as part of the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program waiver issued under 42 U.S.C. Section 1315.

(c) A county may credit toward eligibility for state assistance intergovernmental transfers made under Subsection (d) that in the aggregate do not exceed four percent of the county's general revenue levy in any state fiscal year, provided:

(1) the commissioners court determines that the expenditure fulfills the county's obligations to provide indigent health care under this chapter;

(2) the commissioners court determines that the amount of care available through participation in the waiver is sufficient in type and amount to meet the requirements of this chapter; and

(3) the county receives periodic reports from health care providers that receive supplemental or incentive payments under the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program waiver that document the number and types of services provided to persons who are eligible to receive services under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2014, the Department of State Health Services shall submit a report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives on the effects of the provisions of this Act on services rendered to eligible residents under Chapter 61, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act to Section 61.036, Health and Safety Code, applies only to state assistance for health care services under Chapter 61, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, that are delivered on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) State assistance for health care services under Chapter 61, Health and Safety Code, that are delivered before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on April 25, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 2013: Yeas 148, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 1177

S.B. No. 901

AN ACT

relating to safety standards and practices applicable to the transportation by pipeline of certain substances.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (1), Section 91.251, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Intrastate gas pipeline facility" has the meaning assigned by the United States Department of Transportation under [Chapter 601, Title 49, United States Code (49 U.S.C. Section 60101 et seq.], and its subsequent amendments or a succeeding law.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 91.252, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

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(b) This subchapter does not apply to a storage facility that is:

(1) part of an interstate gas pipeline facility as defined by the United States Department of Transportation; and

(2) subject to federal minimum standards adopted under [Chapter 601, Title 49, United States Code (49 U.S.C. Section 60101 et seq.)] and its subsequent amendments or a succeeding law.

SECTION 3. Subdivision (2), Section 117.001, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) “Hazardous liquid” means:

(A) petroleum or any petroleum product; [and]

(B) nonpetroleum fuel, including biofuel, that is flammable, toxic, or corrosive or would be harmful to the environment if released in significant quantities; and

(C) a [any] substance or material, other than liquefied natural gas, [which is in liquid state, excluding liquefied natural gas, when transported by pipeline facilities and which has been] determined by the United States secretary of transportation to pose an unreasonable risk to life or property when transported by a hazardous liquid pipeline facility in a liquid state [pipeline facilities].

SECTION 4. Subsection (a), Section 117.011, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission has jurisdiction over all pipeline transportation of hazardous liquids or carbon dioxide and over all hazardous liquid or carbon dioxide pipeline facilities as provided by 49 U.S.C. Section 60101 et seq. and its subsequent amendments or a succeeding law.

SECTION 5. Subsection (c), Section 117.012, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The safety standards adopted by the commission in its rules must be compatible with [the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 (Pub.L. No. 96-129)] and the safety standards or practices enacted or 2021
adopted by federal or state government pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 60101 et seq. and its subsequent amendments or a succeeding law [the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979, as amended].

SECTION 10. Subsection (a), Section 211.012, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission by rule shall adopt safety standards and practices for the salt dome storage of hazardous liquids and the facilities used for that purpose. Safety standards and practices adopted by the commission for a storage facility that is part of an intrastate pipeline facility, as defined by the federal Department of Transportation under 49 U.S.C. Section 60101 et seq. and its subsequent amendments or a succeeding law [the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 (49 U.S.C. Section 2001 et seq.)], must be compatible with federal minimum standards. The rules shall require:

1. the installation and periodic testing of safety devices at a salt dome storage facility;
2. the establishment of emergency notification procedures for the operator of a facility in the event of a release of a hazardous substance that poses a substantial risk to the public;
3. fire prevention and response procedures;
4. employee and third-party contractor safety training with respect to the operation of the facility; and
5. other requirements that the commission finds necessary and reasonable for the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of salt dome storage facilities.

SECTION 11. Subsections (a), (b), and (c), Section 121.201, Utilities Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The railroad commission may:
1. by rule prescribe or adopt safety standards for the transportation of gas and for gas pipeline facilities, including safety standards related to the prevention of damage to such a facility resulting from the movement of earth by a person in the vicinity of the facility, other than movement by tillage that does not exceed a depth of 16 inches;
2. by rule require an operator that does not file operator organization information under Section 91.142, Natural Resources Code, to provide the information to the commission in the form of an application;
3. by rule require record maintenance and reports;
4. inspect records and facilities to determine compliance with safety standards prescribed or adopted under Subdivision (1);
5. make certifications and reports from time to time;
6. seek designation by the United States secretary of transportation as an agent to conduct safety inspections of interstate gas pipeline facilities located in this state; and
7. by rule take any other requisite action in accordance with 49 U.S.C. Section 60101 et seq. and its subsequent amendments or a succeeding law.

(b) The power granted by Subsection (a):
1. does not apply to the transportation of gas or to gas facilities subject to the exclusive control of the United States but applies to the transportation of gas and gas pipeline facilities in this state to the maximum degree permissible under 49 U.S.C. Section 60101 et seq. and its subsequent amendments or a succeeding law; and
2. is granted to provide exclusive state control over safety standards and practices applicable to the transportation of gas and gas pipeline facilities within the borders of this state to the maximum degree permissible under that law.

(c) A term that is used in this section and defined by [Chapter 601, Title 49, United States Code (49 U.S.C. Section 60101 et seq. and its subsequent amendments or a succeeding law) has the meaning assigned by that chapter or the succeeding law.

SECTION 12. Section 121.452, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 121.452. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter does not apply to:
(1) an extension of an existing sour gas pipeline facility that is in compliance with the railroad commission's rules for oil, gas, or geothermal resource operation in a hydrogen sulfide area if:

(A) the extension is not longer than five miles;
(B) the nominal pipe size is not larger than six inches in diameter; and
(C) the railroad commission is given notice of the construction of the extension not later than 24 hours before the start of construction;

(2) a new or an extension of a low-pressure gathering system; or

(3) an interstate gas pipeline facility, as defined by 49 U.S.C. Section 60101 and its subsequent amendments or a succeeding law, that is used for the transportation of sour gas.

SECTION 13. Subsection (c), Section 26.344, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An interstate pipeline facility, including gathering lines, or an aboveground storage tank connected to such a facility is exempt from regulation under this subchapter if the pipeline facility is regulated under 49 U.S.C. Section 60101 et seq. and its subsequent amendments or a succeeding law;

(1) the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. Section 1671 et seq.); or

(2) the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 (49 U.S.C. Section 2001 et seq.).

SECTION 14. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 8, 2013, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 10, 2013, House granted request of the Senate; May 26, 2013, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendments, on May 2, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting; May 10, 2013, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 25, 2013, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 1178

S.B. No. 910

AN ACT
relating to certain election practices and procedures.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 1.007, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A delivery, submission, or filing of a document or paper under this code may be made by personal delivery, mail, telephonic facsimile machine, or any other method of transmission.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 13.002, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person desiring to register to vote must submit an application to the registrar of the county in which the person resides. Except as provided by Subsection (c), an application must be submitted by personal delivery, [as] by mail, or by telephonic facsimile machine in accordance with Sections 13.143(d) and (d-2).

SECTION 3. Section 13.143, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (d-1) and (d-2) to read as follows:

(d) For purposes of determining the effective date of a registration, an application submitted by: