

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 165

2016 Regular Session

Allain

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

CONSERVATION. Requires landowner notification when an operator transfers an oil or gas well. (8/1/16)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Removes the process by which an operator of record may be declared orphaned.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

+DIGEST

SB 165 Reengrossed

2016 Regular Session

Allain

Proposed law requires the commissioner of conservation to require that an operator identify on a form approved by the commissioner, the surface owner of lands on which a well site is located, no later than 30 days after the issuance of an amended permit to transfer a well to another operator. Defines "surface owner" as the person shown in the assessor's rolls of the parish as the current owner of the surface rights for the land on which the well site is located.

Present law requires the commissioner to seek to notify the last operator of record, at his last known address contained in the department records, of the site that is to be declared orphaned and shall publish a notice in the Louisiana Register that the oilfield site is to be declared orphaned, prior to declaring a site to be an orphaned oilfield site.

Proposed law retains these provision and requires the assistant secretary to notify the surface owner of the site, at the address provided by the operator, that the site is declared orphaned. Specifies that the failure to notify the surface owner does not invalidate the decision to declare a site orphaned.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 30:91(B)(1); Adds R.S. 30:28(J))

Thomas L. Tyler
Deputy Chief of Staff