

Introduced by Senator Pavley

February 18, 2015

An act to amend Section 3213 of the Public Resources Code, relating to oil and gas.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 248, as introduced, Pavley. Oil and gas: well history.

Existing law requires the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources in the Department of Conservation to regulate the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells used for the purpose of producing oil and gas. Existing law requires an owner or operator of a well to keep, or cause to be kept, and requires the operator to file with the district deputy at specified times, a careful and accurate log, core record, and history of the drilling of the well. Existing law requires the well history to show the location and amount of sidetracked casings, tools, or other material, the depth and quantity of cement in cement plugs, the shots of dynamite or other explosives, acid treatment data, the results of production and other tests during drilling operations, and all data on well stimulation treatments. Existing law provides that a person who fails to comply with specific laws relating to the regulation of oil or gas operations, including failing to furnish a report or record, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

This bill would, in addition, require all operations on or in the well of any form to be systematically, completely, and accurately described and recorded in the well history. Because a violation of this requirement would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3213 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:

3 3213. The history shall show the location and amount of
4 sidetracked casings, tools, or other material, the depth and quantity
5 of cement in cement plugs, the shots of dynamite or other
6 explosives, *all acid treatment data, data of any amount and*
concentration, and the results of production and other tests during
8 drilling operations. *All operations on or in the well of any form,*
including, but not limited to, the injection or emplacement of any
10 *material in the well for any purpose during the drilling, operation,*
maintenance, or abandonment of the well shall be systematically,
12 *completely, and accurately described and recorded in the history.*
13 All data on well stimulation treatments pursuant to Section 3160
14 shall be recorded in the history.

15 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
16 Section 6 of Article XIIIIB of the California Constitution because
17 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
18 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
19 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
20 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
21 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
22 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
23 Constitution.