

SENATE BILL NO. 131

February 27, 2019, Introduced by Senators LUCIDO, MOSS, WOJNO, GEISS, BRINKS, BULLOCK, MCMORROW, POLEHANKI, ALEXANDER, HOLLIER, IRWIN, BAYER and CHANG and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 61506b (MCL 324.61506b), as added by 1998 PA
303.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 61506b. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and
2 (3), ~~beginning on the effective date of this section,~~ the
3 supervisor shall not issue a permit for or authorize the drilling

1 of an oil or gas well ~~if both of the following apply:~~

2 ~~(a) The well is in a county with a population of 750,000 or~~
 3 ~~more unless the proposed well will be located within 450-2,000 feet~~
 4 ~~of or more from a residential building.~~

5 ~~(b) The residential building is located in a city or township~~
 6 ~~with a population of 70,000 or more.~~

7 (2) The supervisor may grant a waiver from the requirement of
 8 subsection (1)(a) if the clerk of the city, village, or township in
 9 which the proposed well is located has been notified of the
 10 application for a permit for the proposed well and if either of the
 11 following conditions is met:

12 (a) The owner or owners of all residential buildings located
 13 within ~~450-2,000~~ feet of the proposed well give written consent.

14 (b) The supervisor determines, pursuant to a public hearing
 15 held before the waiver is granted, that the proposed well location
 16 will not cause waste and there is no reasonable alternative for the
 17 location of the well that will allow the oil and gas rights holder
 18 to develop the oil and gas.

19 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a well utilized for the
 20 injection, withdrawal, and observation of the storage of natural
 21 gas pursuant to this part.

22 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
 23 after the date it is enacted into law.