

REFERENCE TITLE: wells; intention to drill; appropriation

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Representative Griffin

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR AN AUDIT OF NOTICES OF INTENTION TO DRILL FILINGS;
APPROPRIATING MONIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Department of water resources; wells; notices of
3 intention to drill; audit; delayed repeal

4 A. The director of the department of water resources shall conduct
5 an audit of all notices of intention to drill that are filed with the
6 department pursuant to section 45-596, Arizona Revised Statutes.

7 B. For each notice of intention to drill that is audited, the
8 director shall determine if the notice of intention to drill resulted in
9 the person drilling a new well or deepening an existing well. If the
10 person acted on the notice of intention to drill, the director shall
11 determine:

12 1. If the well is active.

13 2. If the well has been removed, decommissioned or retired.

14 3. If the well uses a pump.

15 4. If the well is an exempt well as defined in section 45-402,
16 Arizona Revised Statutes.

17 5. The primary use of the well, including agricultural, commercial,
18 manufacturing, mining, municipal, power generation, recreational or
19 residential use.

20 C. On or before January 1, 2026, the director shall submit a report
21 of its findings to the governor, the president of the senate and the
22 speaker of the house of representatives and shall provide a copy of this
23 report to the secretary of state.

24 D. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2026.

25 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of water resources; notice
26 of intention to drill audit; exemption

27 A. The sum of \$_____ is appropriated from the state general fund
28 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the department of water resources for an audit
29 of all notices of intention to drill that are filed pursuant to section
30 45-596, Arizona Revised Statutes.

31 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
32 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
33 to lapsing of appropriations.