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Introduction

While there have been no substantive changes in Missouri case law related to the oil and gas industry, there has been new legislation enacted and proposed by the Missouri General Assembly that may influence the state's oil and gas industry.

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Enacted Legislation

A. House Resolution 1364

Missouri House Bill 1364,¹ extended the state's petroleum storage tank insurance fund expiration date from December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2025, and also established the "Task Force on the Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund" for the purpose of conducting research and compiling a report, by December 31, 2018, on certain topics relating to the petroleum storage tank insurance fund.

Proposed Legislation

A. House Resolution 1902

Missouri House Bill 1902,² which was introduced on January 3, 2018, proposes to repeal and replace Mo. Rev. Stat. §§ 393.170, 523.250, 523.262, and 523.300. In relevant part, the changes proposed to § 393.170 are that a gas corporation must provide at least one hundred twenty days' notice to all affected property owners before seeking permission and approval from the Public Service Commission of Missouri to construct a gas plant and that the corporation must provide the approval of each affected county commission as part of the approval process.³ Sections 523.250, 523.262, and 523.300 pertain to condemnation proceedings.⁴

^{1.} H.B. 1364, 99th Gen. Assemb., 2d Reg. Sess. (Mo. 2018).

^{2.} H.B. 1902, 99th Gen. Assemb., 2d Reg. Sess. (Mo. 2018)

^{3.} *Id*.

^{4.} *Id*.