

CHAPTER 704

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 1551, Statutes of 1959, relating to Long Beach tidelands, declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

In effect
immediately

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 1551, Statutes of 1959, is amended to read:

Section 1. The State has asserted as against the City of Long Beach claims that certain lands, easements, or well sites lying within the boundaries of the Long Beach Harbor District (as such boundaries were defined on April 1, 1956), and the revenues or the other things of value derived by the City of Long Beach therefrom, are or may be subject to the terms, provisions, conditions, trusts or rights declared by Chapter 676, Statutes of 1911, Chapter 102, Statutes of 1925, Chapter 158, Statutes of 1935, Chapter 915, Statutes of 1951, or Chapter 29, Statutes of 1956 (First Extraordinary Session) (hereinafter referred to as the Acts of 1911, 1925, 1935, 1951, and 1956), which claims are denied by the city. Such lands or portions thereof are located within that segment of the Wilmington Oil Field designated as Fault Block IV, as said Fault Block IV descriptive boundaries are set forth in the officially published Findings of Fact and Orders of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, dated February 26, 1959, and are the subject of presently existing contracts or royalty arrangements between the City of Long Beach and the following oil operators: the Termo Company-Oakes-Combs Group, General American Oil Company of Texas, Signal Oil and Gas Company, Hancock Oil Company, D. D. Dunlap Oil Company, Royalty Service Corporation, Ltd., the Superior Oil Company and Humble Oil & Refining Company, hereinafter called "enumerated oil operators." Said contracts or royalty arrangements provide for the production of oil and gas therefrom, which contracts or royalty arrangements will expire by their terms within the next five years or thereafter. Such lands are located within a subsidence area, as fixed and established pursuant to Section 3336 of the Public Resources Code, and it is necessary in aid of the legislative declarations contained in Article 5.5 (commencing at Section 3315), Chapter 1, Division 3 of the Public Resources Code, that the City of Long Beach be empowered and authorized to extend, amend, and

modify such contracts or royalty arrangements in order to make it feasible for the city and the enumerated oil operators, their successors or assigns, to enter into unit or co-operative agreements providing for the repressuring of a portion or all of such lands in order to arrest or ameliorate subsidence. The repressuring of such lands and adjacent lands cannot be delayed pending determination of the claims of the State.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting such necessity are:

Through inadvertence the Superior Oil Company and Humble Oil & Refining Company were not designated in the act as "enumerated oil operators." In order to facilitate the making of unit and co-operative agreements with these two companies providing for the repressuring of the lands within the boundaries of the Long Beach Harbor District where there has been subsidence endangering life, property, and health and thereby alleviate the dangerous subsidence problem, it is essential that this act go into immediate effect.
