

HB 1023 -- Mining in Residential Areas

Sponsor: Dougherty

This bill prohibits blasting, excavation, and mining within 1,320 feet of any residentially zoned property within a political subdivision of this state. Any mining operation taking place on or before the effective date of the bill may continue operations to remove materials to the extent of its forward progress.

Forward progress will be judged by the closest point of excavation for the purpose of removing significant quantities of natural resources to the boundary of the residentially zoned property, but will not include any excavation for the purpose of testing or sampling.

The bill contains an emergency clause.