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**DENTON, Texas (AP)** — The Texas Oil and Gas Association has filed a request for an injunction to stop enforcement of a North Texas city's new ban on permits for hydraulic fracturing.

More than 60 percent of Denton voters cast a ballot Tuesday in favor of the ban.

The industry group's attorney, Tom Phillips, a former chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, said the courts must "give a prompt and authoritative answer" on whether Denton voters had the authority to pass such a ban.

The gas fields under Denton have produced \$1 billion in mineral wealth and pumped more than \$30 million into city bank accounts.

Property rights in Texas are split between the land and the minerals below. Phillips says the **fracking** ban violates the Texas Constitution.

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