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H.B. No. 1620

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the review date for certain governmental entities
3 subject to the sunset review process.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 691.003, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 691.003. SUNSET PROVISION. The Anatomical Board of
8 the State of Texas is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas
9 Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
10 chapter, the board is abolished September 1, 2025 [~~2023~~].

11 SECTION 2. Section 481.003, Government Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Sec. 481.003. SUNSET PROVISION. The Texas Economic
14 Development and Tourism Office is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas
15 Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
16 chapter, the office is abolished and this chapter expires September
17 1, 2025 [~~2023~~].

18 SECTION 3. Section 5.014, Water Code, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 Sec. 5.014. SUNSET PROVISION. The Texas Commission on
21 Environmental Quality is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
22 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by
23 that chapter, the commission is abolished and this chapter expires
24 September 1, 2025 [~~2023~~].

1 SECTION 4. Section 202.010, Human Resources Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Sec. 202.010. SUNSET PROVISION. The Texas Juvenile Justice
4 Board and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department are subject to
5 Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued
6 in existence as provided by that chapter, the board and the
7 department are abolished September 1, 2025 [~~2023~~].

8 SECTION 5. Section 1701.002, Occupations Code, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 1701.002. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The Texas
11 Commission on Law Enforcement is subject to Chapter 325, Government
12 Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided
13 by that chapter, the commission is abolished and this chapter
14 expires September 1, 2025 [~~2023~~].

15 SECTION 6. Section 12.005, Utilities Code, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Sec. 12.005. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The Public Utility
18 Commission of Texas is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
19 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by
20 that chapter or by Chapter 39, the commission is abolished and this
21 title expires September 1, 2025 [~~2023~~].

22 SECTION 7. Section 13.002, Utilities Code, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Sec. 13.002. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The Office of
25 Public Utility Counsel is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
26 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by
27 that chapter, the office is abolished and this chapter expires

1 September 1, 2025 [~~2023~~].

2 SECTION 8. Section 1-a(a), Chapter 276, Acts of the 45th
3 Legislature, Regular Session, 1937, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The District is subject to review under Chapter 325,
5 Government Code (Texas Sunset Act), but may not be abolished under
6 that chapter. The review shall be conducted under Section 325.025,
7 Government Code, as if the District were a state agency scheduled to
8 be abolished September 1, 2025 [~~2023~~], and every 12th year after
9 that year.

10 SECTION 9. Section 201.025, Agriculture Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 201.025. SUNSET PROVISION. The State Soil and Water
13 Conservation Board is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code
14 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by
15 that chapter, the state board is abolished and this chapter expires
16 September 1, 2025 [~~2023~~].

17 SECTION 10. Section 751.003, Government Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 751.003. SUNSET PROVISION. The Office of
20 State-Federal Relations is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset
21 Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter,
22 the office is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2025
23 [~~2023~~].

24 SECTION 11. Section 6.013, Water Code, is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 Sec. 6.013. SUNSET PROVISION. The Texas Water Development
27 Board is subject to review under Chapter 325, Government Code

1 (Texas Sunset Act), but is not abolished under that chapter. The
2 board shall be reviewed during the period in which state agencies
3 abolished in 2025 [~~2023 and every 12th year after 2023 are~~
4 ~~reviewed~~].

5 SECTION 12. If a conflict exists between this Act and
6 another Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, that
7 extends the sunset date of a governmental entity, the provisions of
8 the other Act control without regard to the relative dates of
9 enactment.

10 SECTION 13. This Act takes effect immediately if it
11 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
12 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
13 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
14 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.