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H.B. No. 1620

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the review date for certain governmental entities  
subject to the sunset review process.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 5.014. SUNSET PROVISION. The Texas Commission on  
Environmental Quality is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code  
(Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by  
that chapter, the commission is abolished and this chapter expires  
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.