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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the oil and gas infrastructure security division within the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 81.051, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The commission's jurisdiction described by this section includes the responsibility and authority to secure pipelines and other oil and gas infrastructure in this state against severe weather events, cybersecurity threats, acts of terrorism, and other potential disruptions to the production of oil and gas in this state.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 81, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 81.0535 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.0535. OIL AND GAS INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY DIVISION.

(a) In this section, "division" means the oil and gas infrastructure security division.

(b) The commission shall establish within the agency the oil and gas infrastructure security division with the primary responsibility and authority to secure pipelines and other oil and gas infrastructure in this state against severe weather events, cybersecurity threats, acts of terrorism, and other potential disruptions to the production of oil and gas in this state.

(c) The division shall:

1 (1) periodically conduct risk assessments of the oil
2 and gas infrastructure in this state; and

3 (2) establish guidelines and adopt rules to:

4 (A) address vulnerabilities identified by risk
5 assessments conducted under Subdivision (1); and

6 (B) otherwise satisfy the responsibilities
7 described by Subsection (b).

8 (d) The division shall solicit input from interested
9 persons when establishing guidelines under Subsection (c)(2).

10 (e) The chairman shall select commission employees to staff
11 the division.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.