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S.B. No. 620

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the funding of and the making of grants by the Texas Council on Environmental Technology.

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

SECTION 1. Section 387.002(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The Texas Council on Environmental Technology shall work to enhance the entrepreneurial and inventive spirit of Texans to assist in developing solutions to air, water, and waste problems by:

(1) identifying and evaluating new technologies and seeking the approval of the United States Environmental Protection Agency for and facilitating the deployment of those technologies; ~~and~~

(2) assisting the commission and the United States Environmental Protection Agency in the process of ensuring credit for new, innovative, and creative technological advancements; and

(3) competing for and managing federal grants and funds from other sources available for carrying out the objectives of the council.

SECTION 2. Section 387.005, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) If a member of the Texas Council on Environmental Technology is an employee or owner of an entity that applies for a

1 grant under this chapter, the member, before a vote on the grant,  
2 shall disclose the fact of the member's employment or ownership.  
3 The disclosure must be entered into the minutes of the meeting. The  
4 member may not vote on or otherwise participate in the awarding of  
5 the grant. If the member does not comply with this subsection, the  
6 entity is not eligible for the grant.

7         SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.