

Amend **HB 1816** by adding the following appropriately numbered Sections to the bill and renumbering subsequent Sections of the bill as appropriate:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter A, Chapter 81, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 81.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.002. TEXAS ENERGY COMMISSION. (a) The Railroad Commission of Texas is renamed the Texas Energy Commission.

(b) A reference in law to the Railroad Commission of Texas means the Texas Energy Commission.

(c) The Texas Energy Commission is the successor agency to the Railroad Commission of Texas under Subsection (b), Section 30, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Effective October 1, 2005:

(1) the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas is changed to the Texas Energy Commission, and all powers, duties, rights, and obligations of the Railroad Commission of Texas are the powers, duties, rights, and obligations of the Texas Energy Commission;

(2) a member of the Railroad Commission of Texas is a member of the Texas Energy Commission; and

(3) any appropriation to the Railroad Commission of Texas is an appropriation to the Texas Energy Commission.

(b) Effective October 1, 2005, a reference in law to the Railroad Commission of Texas is a reference to the Texas Energy Commission.

(c) The Texas Energy Commission is the successor to the Railroad Commission of Texas in all respects. All personnel, equipment, data, documents, facilities, contracts, items, other property, rules, decisions, and proceedings of or involving the Railroad Commission of Texas are unaffected by the change in the name of the agency.

(d) The Railroad Commission of Texas shall adopt a timetable for phasing in the change of the agency's name so as to minimize the fiscal impact of the name change. Until October 1, 2005, to allow for phasing in the change of the agency's name and in accordance with the timetable established as required by this section, the agency may perform any act authorized by law for the Railroad

Commission of Texas as the Railroad Commission of Texas or as the Texas Energy Commission. Any act of the Railroad Commission of Texas acting as the Texas Energy Commission after the effective date of this Act and before October 1, 2005, is an act of the Railroad Commission of Texas.