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H.B. No. 1078

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to changing the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to
3 the Texas Energy Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 81, Natural Resources
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 81.002 to read as follows:

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

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

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

14 SECTION 2. (a) Effective January 1, 2006:

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

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

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

24 (b) Effective January 1, 2006, a reference in law to the

1 Railroad Commission of Texas is a reference to the Texas Energy
2 Commission.

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

9 (d) The Railroad Commission of Texas shall adopt a timetable
10 for phasing in the change of the agency's name so as to minimize the
11 fiscal impact of the name change. Until January 1, 2006, to allow
12 for phasing in the change of the agency's name and in accordance
13 with the timetable established as required by this section, the
14 agency may perform any act authorized by law for the Railroad
15 Commission of Texas as the Railroad Commission of Texas or as the
16 Texas Energy Commission. Any act of the Railroad Commission of
17 Texas acting as the Texas Energy Commission after the effective
18 date of this Act and before January 1, 2006, is an act of the
19 Railroad Commission of Texas.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.