

Amend CSHJR 62, Section 2, to read:

SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to the Texas Constitution:

TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, providing that the Railroad Commission of Texas will be governed by a single railroad commissioner instead of by a three-member commission.

(b) The first railroad commissioner elected under the amendment shall be elected at the general election held in November 2014 to serve for a term that begins January 1, 2015.

(c) Until the first railroad commissioner elected under the amendment takes office, the members of the Railroad Commission of Texas serving on the date that the adoption of the amendment by the voters is shown by the official canvass of returns shall, unless otherwise removed as provided by law, continue in office under the prior law that governed the composition of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and that prior law is continued in effect for that purpose. If on January 1, 2015 there is a vacancy in the new office of railroad commissioner created under the amendment because the first railroad commissioner-elect has died or refuses or is permanently unable to serve, the members of the Railroad Commission of Texas serving on the date that the adoption of the amendment by the voters is shown by the official canvass of returns shall, unless otherwise removed as provided by law, continue in office under the prior law that governed the composition of the Railroad Commission of Texas until the governor fills the vacancy by appointment in the manner provided by law. The prior law that governed the composition of the Railroad Commission of Texas is continued in effect for that purpose. At the time that the first railroad commissioner elected, or in extraordinary circumstances appointed, under the amendment takes office, the three-member governing body of the Railroad Commission of Texas is abolished.

(d) The railroad commissioner succeeds to all powers, duties, rights, and obligations of the three-member governing body of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the abolition of the three-member governing body of the commission does not affect the validity of any

right, duty, decision, rule, or action of any kind taken by or under the authority of the three-member governing body.

(e) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2016.