

By: Orr

H.B. No. 499

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to changing the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to the Texas Energy Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 81.001, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 81.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Energy [~~Railroad~~] Commission [~~of Texas~~].

(2) "Commissioner" means any member of the Texas Energy [~~Railroad~~] Commission [~~of Texas~~].

SECTION 2. 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.

SECTION 3. (a) Effective January 1, 2010:

(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

1 member of the Texas Energy Commission; and

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

4 (b) Effective January 1, 2010, a reference in law to the  
5 Railroad Commission of Texas is a reference to the Texas Energy  
6 Commission.

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

13 (d) The Railroad Commission of Texas shall adopt a timetable  
14 for phasing in the change of the agency's name so as to minimize the  
15 fiscal impact of the name change. Until January 1, 2010, to allow  
16 for phasing in the change of the agency's name and in accordance  
17 with the timetable established as required by this section, the  
18 agency may perform any act authorized by law for the Railroad  
19 Commission of Texas as the Railroad Commission of Texas or as the  
20 Texas Energy Commission. Any act of the Railroad Commission of  
21 Texas acting as the Texas Energy Commission after the effective  
22 date of this Act and before January 1, 2010, is an act of the  
23 Railroad Commission of Texas.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.