

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 341  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 8, 2008; February 11, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;  
1-4 April 2, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 2, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to changing the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to  
1-9 the Texas Energy Commission.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 81.001, Natural Resources Code, is  
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 81.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-14 (1) "Commission" means the Texas Energy [~~Railroad~~]  
1-15 Commission [~~of Texas~~].

1-16 (2) "Commissioner" means any member of the Texas  
1-17 Energy [~~Railroad~~] Commission [~~of Texas~~].

1-18 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 81, Natural Resources  
1-19 Code, is amended by adding Section 81.002 to read as follows:

1-20 Sec. 81.002. TEXAS ENERGY COMMISSION. (a) The Railroad  
1-21 Commission of Texas is renamed the Texas Energy Commission.

1-22 (b) A reference in law to the Railroad Commission of Texas  
1-23 means the Texas Energy Commission.

1-24 SECTION 3. (a) Effective January 1, 2010:

1-25 (1) the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas is  
1-26 changed to the Texas Energy Commission, and all powers, duties,  
1-27 rights, and obligations of the Railroad Commission of Texas are the  
1-28 powers, duties, rights, and obligations of the Texas Energy  
1-29 Commission;

1-30 (2) a member of the Railroad Commission of Texas is a  
1-31 member of the Texas Energy Commission; and

1-32 (3) any appropriation to the Railroad Commission of  
1-33 Texas is an appropriation to the Texas Energy Commission.

1-34 (b) Effective January 1, 2010, a reference in law to the  
1-35 Railroad Commission of Texas is a reference to the Texas Energy  
1-36 Commission.

1-37 (c) The Texas Energy Commission is the successor to the  
1-38 Railroad Commission of Texas in all respects. All personnel,  
1-39 equipment, data, documents, facilities, contracts, items, other  
1-40 property, rules, decisions, and proceedings of or involving the  
1-41 Railroad Commission of Texas are unaffected by the change in the  
1-42 name of the agency.

1-43 (d) The Railroad Commission of Texas shall adopt a timetable  
1-44 for phasing in the change of the agency's name so as to minimize the  
1-45 fiscal impact of the name change. Until January 1, 2010, to allow  
1-46 for phasing in the change of the agency's name and in accordance  
1-47 with the timetable established as required by this section, the  
1-48 agency may perform any act authorized by law for the Railroad  
1-49 Commission of Texas as the Railroad Commission of Texas or as the  
1-50 Texas Energy Commission. Any act of the Railroad Commission of  
1-51 Texas acting as the Texas Energy Commission after the effective  
1-52 date of this Act and before January 1, 2010, is an act of the  
1-53 Railroad Commission of Texas.

1-54 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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