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TO: Honorable Jim Keffer, Chair, House Committee on Energy Resources

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1231 by Farabee (relating to providing that the Railroad Commission of Texas is governed by a single railroad commissioner.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would change references to a three-member Railroad Commission to a single Railroad Commission. The bill would only take effect if a constitutional amendment proposed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, providing that the Railroad Commission of Texas be governed by a single elected Railroad Commissioner, instead of by an elected three-member commission, would be approved by voters. The references the bill would change would not occur until January 1, 2013, which would be the date the single commissioner would first take office under the companion joint resolution, HJR 62. Because the bill would not have any effect without passage of a constitutional amendment, and because the bill simply makes changes to references in statute, no fiscal impact is expected as a result of the bill's passage.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission

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