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S.B. No. 668

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to changing the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to the Texas Oil and Gas Commission.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 81, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 81. TEXAS OIL AND GAS ~~[RAILROAD]~~ COMMISSION ~~[OF TEXAS]~~

SECTION 2. Section 81.001, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 81.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Oil and Gas ~~[Railroad]~~ Commission ~~[of Texas]~~.

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

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 81, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 81.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.003. TEXAS OIL AND GAS COMMISSION. (a) The Railroad Commission of Texas is renamed the Texas Oil and Gas Commission.

(b) A reference in law to the Railroad Commission of Texas means the Texas Oil and Gas Commission.

SECTION 4. (a) Effective January 1, 2012:

(1) the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas is changed to the Texas Oil and Gas Commission, and all powers, duties,

1 rights, and obligations of the Railroad Commission of Texas are the
2 powers, duties, rights, and obligations of the Texas Oil and Gas
3 Commission;

4 (2) a member of the Railroad Commission of Texas is a
5 member of the Texas Oil and Gas Commission; and

6 (3) any appropriation to the Railroad Commission of
7 Texas is an appropriation to the Texas Oil and Gas Commission.

8 (b) Effective January 1, 2012, a reference in law to the
9 Railroad Commission of Texas is a reference to the Texas Oil and Gas
10 Commission.

11 (c) The Texas Oil and Gas Commission is the successor to the
12 Railroad Commission of Texas in all respects. All personnel,
13 equipment, data, documents, facilities, contracts, items, other
14 property, rules, decisions, and proceedings of or involving the
15 Railroad Commission of Texas are unaffected by the change in the
16 name of the agency.

17 (d) The Railroad Commission of Texas shall adopt a timetable
18 for phasing in the change of the agency's name so as to minimize the
19 fiscal impact of the name change. Until January 1, 2012, to allow
20 for phasing in the change of the agency's name and in accordance
21 with the timetable established as required by this section, the
22 agency may perform any act authorized by law for the Railroad
23 Commission of Texas as the Railroad Commission of Texas or as the
24 Texas Oil and Gas Commission. Any act of the Railroad Commission of
25 Texas acting as the Texas Oil and Gas Commission on or after the
26 effective date of this Act and before January 1, 2012, is an act of
27 the Railroad Commission of Texas.

1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.