A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to the composition of the permanent advisory committee to

3 advise the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding the

4 implementation of the ad valorem tax exemption for pollution

5 control property.

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

7   SECTION 1. Subsection (n), Section 11.31, Tax Code, is

8 amended to read as follows:

9   (n) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall

10 establish a permanent advisory committee consisting of

11 representatives of industry, appraisal districts, taxing units,

12 and environmental groups, as well as members who are not

13 representatives of any of those entities but have substantial

14 technical expertise in pollution control technology and

15 environmental engineering, to advise the commission regarding the

16 implementation of this section. At least one member of the advisory

17 committee must be a representative of a school district or junior

18 college district in which property is located that is or previously

19 was subject to an exemption under this section. Chapter 2110,

20 Government Code, does not apply to the size, composition, or

21 duration of the advisory committee.

22   SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date

23 of this Act, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall

24 appoint one or more representatives of school districts or junior

1 college districts in which property is located that is or

2 previously was subject to an exemption under Section 11.31, Tax

3 Code, to the permanent advisory committee established under

4 Subsection (n) of that section, as amended by this Act.

5   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

9 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.