

Amend Floor Amendment No. 5, by S. Turner, by striking the text of the amendment and substituting the following:

Amend **HB 1600** (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES and SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. INTERIM STUDY FOR EVALUATION OF THE POSITION OF
COMMISSIONER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

SECTION _____.01. (a) A joint committee shall conduct a study to evaluate whether the Public Utility Commission of Texas should continue to have three commissioners and the best method of selecting the appropriate number of commissioners.

(b) The committee is composed of eight members appointed as follows:

(1) four members of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(2) four members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The speaker of the house of representatives and the lieutenant governor shall jointly designate a chair or, alternatively, designate two co-chairs from among the committee membership.

(d) The committee shall:

(1) examine the appropriate number of commissioners, with specific emphasis on whether the number of commissioners on the Public Utility Commission of Texas should be reduced to one; and

(2) examine whether the appropriate number of commissioners should be appointed or elected.

(e) The committee may adopt rules necessary to carry out the committee's duties under this section.

(f) Except as otherwise specifically provided by this section, the committee may operate in the same manner as a joint committee of the 83rd Legislature.

(g) Not later than December 1, 2014, the committee shall report to the governor and the legislature any recommendations developed by the committee under this section.