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TO: Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB911 by Sheets (Relating to the composition of the Public Utility Commission of Texas.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB911, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$1,582,361) through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2016	(\$1,093,793)
2017	(\$488,568)
2018	(\$488,568)
2019	(\$488,568)
2020	(\$488,568)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2015
2016	(\$1,093,793)	2.0
2017	(\$488,568)	2.0
2018	(\$488,568)	2.0
2019	(\$488,568)	2.0
2020	(\$488,568)	2.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Section 12.051 of the Utilities Code relating to the composition of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC). The bill would expand the number of commissioners of the agency from three to five.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

Methodology

To implement the provisions of the bill, PUC estimates an initial one-time start up cost of \$605,225 to support construction and renovation of current agency facilities in fiscal year 2016 necessary to accommodate two additional commissioner offices. PUC anticipates that recurring costs of implementation would include an increase of 2.0 FTEs for the new commissioner positions with a salary of \$180,000 and associated support and benefits costs of \$64,284 per position per fiscal year.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 475 Office of Public Utility Counsel

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