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S.B. No. 1667

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the nature, funding, and functions of the Texas  
3 Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 403.005, Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 403.005. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The Texas Low-Level  
8 Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission and the members of  
9 the commission have the powers and duties prescribed by the  
10 compact. The members of the commission are responsible for  
11 administering the provisions of the compact.

12 (b) The commission may conduct other activities not  
13 described by the federal law governing the commission or the  
14 compact, as long as those activities are consistent with the  
15 policies and procedures of this state.

16 SECTION 2. Section 403.0051, Health and Safety Code, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Sec. 403.0051. COMMISSION AS INDEPENDENT ENTITY; FUNDING.  
19 (a) The commission is an independent entity established by federal  
20 law and governed by the compact and is not an agency of this state or  
21 a program, department, or other division of, or administratively  
22 attached to, an agency of this state [~~the Texas Commission on~~  
23 ~~Environmental Quality~~].

24 (b) The legislature may appropriate money to the

1 commission. Money for the commission may not be appropriated as  
2 part of an appropriation for the Texas Commission on Environmental  
3 Quality.

4 (c) The comptroller may:

5 (1) assign the commission an agency code; and

6 (2) from funds appropriated to the commission, provide  
7 for the reimbursement of a commission member or employee or a person  
8 who contracts with the commission for purchases approved by the  
9 commission, including state and local sales tax.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.