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H.B. No. 2154

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2154:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2154

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a commission to study the needs of areas of the state
3 significantly affected by oil and gas production.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "commission" means the
6 generate recurring oil wealth for Texas (GROW Texas) study
7 commission.

8 (b) The generate recurring oil wealth for Texas (GROW Texas)
9 study commission is established to study the needs of areas of the
10 state significantly affected by oil and gas production, including
11 infrastructure, safety, and educational needs, and to make
12 recommendations to the legislature regarding the appropriation of
13 money in the generate recurring oil wealth for Texas (GROW Texas)
14 fund created under Section 49-g-3, Article III, Texas Constitution.

15 (c) The commission is composed of seven members, consisting
16 of the following:

17 (1) three members appointed by the governor;
18 (2) two members appointed by the lieutenant governor;

19 and

20 (3) two members appointed by the speaker of the house
21 of representatives.

22 (d) The members appointed by the governor must reside in
23 areas of the state from which oil and gas are produced and include
24 at least:

1 (1) one person who is a member of the business
2 community; and

3 (2) one person who is a member of the civic community.

4 (e) At least one member appointed by the lieutenant governor
5 and one member appointed by the speaker of the house of
6 representatives must represent an area of the state from which oil
7 and gas are produced.

8 (f) In making appointments under this section, the
9 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of
10 representatives shall coordinate to ensure that the membership of
11 the commission reflects, to the extent possible, the ethnic and
12 geographic diversity of the state.

13 (g) The governor shall designate the presiding officer of
14 the commission.

15 (h) A member of the commission is not entitled to
16 compensation for service on the commission but is entitled to
17 reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in
18 performing commission duties.

19 (i) The commission shall develop recommendations under this
20 section to address issues related to:

21 (1) the specific needs of areas of the state from which
22 oil and gas are produced, including:

23 (A) needs relating to infrastructure degradation
24 caused by oil and gas production activities;

25 (B) increased public health and safety needs; and

26 (C) educational and workforce training needs;

27 and

1 (2) the costs to political subdivisions to address the
2 needs identified under Subdivision (1) of this subsection.

3 (j) Not later than December 31, 2020, the commission shall
4 prepare and deliver a report to the governor and the legislature
5 that recommends statutory changes to address the needs of areas of
6 the state significantly affected by oil and gas production and the
7 appropriation of state funds dedicated for those purposes.

8 (k) The commission may hold public meetings as needed to
9 fulfill its duties under this section.

10 (l) The commission is subject to Chapters 551 and 552,
11 Government Code.

12 (m) The commission is abolished and this section expires
13 February 1, 2021.

14 SECTION 2. Not later than the 30th day after the effective
15 date of this Act, the appropriate persons shall make the
16 appointments and designation required by this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020, but only
18 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 86th Legislature,
19 Regular Session, 2019, providing for the creation of the generate
20 recurring oil wealth for Texas (GROW Texas) fund, dedicating the
21 money in that fund to benefit areas of the state from which oil and
22 gas are produced, and providing for the transfer of certain general
23 revenues to that fund, the economic stabilization fund, and the
24 state highway fund is approved by the voters. If that amendment is
25 not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.