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H.B. No. 1296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the recusal of a member of the Railroad Commission of
3 Texas in certain matters.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [81.01004](#), Natural Resources Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 81.01004. PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE, STANDARDS OF
8 CONDUCT, [~~AND~~] CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND RECUSAL. (a) A
9 commissioner is subject to the provisions of Chapter [572](#),
10 Government Code, that apply to elected officers, including the
11 requirements governing personal financial statements, standards of
12 conduct, and conflicts of interest.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
14 commissioner may not act on a matter under the commission's
15 consideration that involves a business entity, as defined by
16 Section [572.002](#), Government Code:

17 (1) in which the commissioner has an equity ownership
18 interest;

19 (2) from which the commissioner receives income; or

20 (3) with which the commissioner has otherwise done
21 business in the preceding year in an amount of more than \$5,000,
22 including the making of consumer purchases.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.