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H.B. No. 642

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 81.001, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 81.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Energy [~~Railroad~~] Commission [~~of Texas~~].

(2) "Commissioner" means any member of the Texas Energy [~~Railroad~~] Commission [~~of Texas~~].

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 81, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 81.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.003. TEXAS ENERGY COMMISSION. (a) The Railroad Commission of Texas is renamed the Texas Energy Commission.

(b) A reference in law to the Railroad Commission of Texas means the Texas Energy Commission.

SECTION 3. (a) On the effective date of this Act:

(1) the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas is changed to the Texas Energy Commission, and all powers, duties, rights, and obligations of the Railroad Commission of Texas are the powers, duties, rights, and obligations of the Texas Energy Commission;

(2) a member of the Railroad Commission of Texas is a member of the Texas Energy Commission; and

1           (3) any appropriation to the Railroad Commission of  
2 Texas is an appropriation to the Texas Energy Commission.

3           (b) On and after the effective date of this Act, a reference  
4 in law to the Railroad Commission of Texas is a reference to the  
5 Texas Energy Commission.

6           (c) The Texas Energy Commission is the agency formerly known  
7 as the Railroad Commission of Texas in all respects. All personnel,  
8 equipment, data, documents, facilities, contracts, items, other  
9 property, rules, decisions, and proceedings of or involving the  
10 Railroad Commission of Texas are unaffected by the change in the  
11 name of the agency.

12           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect on the date on which the  
13 constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th Legislature, Regular  
14 Session, 2017, changing the name of the Railroad Commission of  
15 Texas to the Texas Energy Commission and mandating that there be  
16 such an agency takes effect. If that amendment is not approved by  
17 the voters, this Act has no effect.