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S.B. No. 2100

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of the fees charged by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "commission" means the Railroad Commission of Texas.

SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The commission shall conduct a study to evaluate the ability of the commission to fund its operations using fees.

(b) In conducting the study under Subsection (a) of this section, the commission shall:

(1) identify and evaluate the fees charged by the commission;

(2) identify and evaluate the costs to the commission associated with the administration of permits and other programs for which the commission charges fees;

(3) recommend any appropriate changes to the fee structure of the commission so that fees charged by the commission are sufficient to fund the administration of the program the fees are associated with; and

(4) evaluate the effects of any changes recommended under Subdivision (3) of this subsection on the budget of the commission.

SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2018, the

1 commission shall submit to the legislature a written report
2 containing the findings of the study conducted under this Act and
3 the commission's recommendations for any legislation resulting
4 from the study.

5 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2019.

6 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
7 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
8 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
9 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
10 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.