

AN ACT

relating to the nature, funding, and functions of the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission.

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 403.0051. COMMISSION AS INDEPENDENT ENTITY; FUNDING.

(a) The commission is an independent entity established by federal law and governed by the compact and is not an agency of this state or a program, department, or other division of, or administratively attached to, an agency of this state [~~the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality~~].

(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.

S.B. No. 1667

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1667 passed the Senate on April 26, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1667 passed the House on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor