

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Some believe that to protect the interest of the Railroad Commission of Texas (commission) more effectively, timely notice of bankruptcy filings by regulated organizations is necessary. As proposed, S.B. 1385 requires organizations regulated by the commission to notify the commission in the event the organization or any affiliate files for federal bankruptcy protection.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 91.142, Natural Resources Code, by adding Subsection (h), to require an entity described by Subsection (a) or an affiliate of such an entity that files for federal bankruptcy protection, to enable the Railroad Commission of Texas (commission) to better protect the state's resources, to give written notice to the commission of that action by submitting the notice to the office of general counsel not later than the 30th day after the date of filing.

SECTION 2. (a) Effective date: September 1, 2003.

(b) Makes application of this Act prospective.