

- SUBJECT:** Continuing the Texas Facilities Commission; revising Sunset schedules
- COMMITTEE:** State Affairs — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Cook, Giddings, Craddick, Geren, Harless, Huberty, Kuempel, Sylvester Turner
- 0 nays
- 4 absent — Farney, Farrar, Oliveira, Smithee
- WITNESSES:** For — None
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Ken Levine, Sunset Advisory Commission)
- BACKGROUND:** The Texas Facilities Commission was the subject of a January 2015 staff report and Sunset Advisory Commission recommendations as part of a limited-scope review that followed a full review of the agency conducted in the 2012-13 biennium. The re-review found no new issues, and the Sunset Commission recommended the agency be continued for six years.
- HB 1675 by D. Bonnen, enacted by the 83rd Legislature, added the Sulphur River Basin Authority to limited Sunset review and continued the agency until September 1, 2017. Legislation moving forward this session would include the authority with other river authorities on a schedule for limited Sunset review. The river authorities would be subject to a review as if they were state agencies but could not be abolished. HB 1290 by Keffer passed the House on April 23, and SB 523 by Birdwell passed the Senate on April 9.
- The Credit Union Department and Commission is scheduled for Sunset review during the 2020-21 review cycle. Other state financial agencies are scheduled for Sunset review during the 2018-19 review cycle.

DIGEST: HB 3123 would continue the Texas Facilities Commission until September 1, 2021.

The bill would repeal the provision in law providing for Sunset review of the Sulphur River Basin Authority in 2017.

It would change the Sunset date for the Credit Union Department and Credit Union Commission from 2021 to 2019.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2015.