

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law does not require registration of all of the operators that fall under the pipeline safety program. Transmission and gathering operators must have a pipeline permit to operate pipelines in the state and those operators must have a P-5 permit on file with the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division. S.B. 1297 would grant the Railroad Commission authority to require all pipeline operators under the pipeline safety oversight to be registered with the commission and be assigned an operator number.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1297 requires the registration of pipeline operators with the Railroad Commission of Texas.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Railroad Commission in Section 1(Section 121.201(a), Utilities Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 121.201(a), Utilities Code, to authorize the Railroad Commission, by rule, to require an operator that does not file operator organization information under Section 91.142, Natural Resources Code, to provide the information to the commission in the form of an application. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. (a) Provides that in accordance with Section 311.031(c), Government Code, which gives effect to a substantive amendment enacted by the same legislature that codifies the amended statute, the text of Section 121.201(a), Utilities Code, as set out in SECTION 1 of this Act, gives effect to changes made by Chapter 950, Acts of the 75th legislature, Regular Session, 1997.

(b) Provides that this Act prevails over another Act of the 76th Legislature relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.