

CHAPTER 859

S.B. No. 498

AN ACT

relating to the continuation of the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Office of Public Utility Counsel.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 5a, Public Utility Regulatory Act (Article 1446c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5a. SUNSET PROVISION. The Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Office of Public Utility Counsel are subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the commission and the *office* [~~Office of Public Utility Counsel~~] are abolished and this Act expires September 1, 1995 [1993].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 26, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; May 25, 1993, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 1993, House granted request of the Senate; May 31, 1993, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendments, on May 21, 1993, by a non-record vote; May 27, 1993, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 31, 1993, House adopted Conference Committee Report by a non-record vote.

Approved June 18, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.