

HOUSE BILL 628

By Cobb

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 60, Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to the oil and gas board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-232(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (33) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-237(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

( ) Oil and gas board, created by § 60-1-201;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 60-1-201, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 60-1-201.

(a) There is created and established a state oil and gas board, to be composed of six (6) members as follows:

(1) One (1) member shall be the commissioner of environment and conservation or the commissioner's designee, who shall act as chair;

(2) One (1) member shall be the designee of the commissioner of economic and community development;

(3) One (1) member shall be the chair of the conservation commission;

(4) One (1) member shall be a member from the oil and gas industry, to be appointed by the governor;

(5) One (1) member shall be an owner of oil or gas property, to be appointed by the governor; and

(6) One (1) member shall be a member from the mineral industry, to be appointed by the governor.

(b) The member from the oil and gas industry, the oil or gas property owner and the member from the mineral industry shall each serve four-year terms.

(c) In the absence of the commissioner of environment and conservation or the commissioner's designee, the board shall elect one (1) of its members to serve as chair.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.