

1-1 By: Johnson, Perry S.B. No. 859
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2021; March 11, 2021,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
 1-4 April 9, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 9, 2021,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 859 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the authority of certain water planning entities to
 1-22 hold an open or closed meeting by telephone conference call or
 1-23 videoconference call.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 16.053(h)(12), Water Code, is amended to
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 (12) Each regional water planning group and any
 1-28 committee or subcommittee of a regional water planning group is
 1-29 ~~[are]~~ subject to Chapters 551 and 552, Government Code. A regional
 1-30 water planning group and any committee or subcommittee of the group
 1-31 may hold an open or closed meeting by telephone conference call or
 1-32 videoconference call. A meeting held by telephone conference call
 1-33 is subject to the requirements of Sections 551.125(c), (d), (e),
 1-34 and (f), Government Code. A meeting held by videoconference call is
 1-35 subject to the requirements of Section 551.127, Government Code.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 16.062(l), Water Code, is amended to
 1-37 read as follows:

1-38 (l) Each flood planning group and any committee or
 1-39 subcommittee of a flood planning group is subject to Chapters 551
 1-40 and 552, Government Code. A flood planning group and any committee
 1-41 or subcommittee of the group may hold an open or closed meeting by
 1-42 telephone conference call or videoconference call. A meeting held
 1-43 by telephone conference call is subject to the requirements of
 1-44 Sections 551.125(c), (d), (e), and (f), Government Code. A meeting
 1-45 held by videoconference call is subject to the requirements of
 1-46 Section 551.127, Government Code.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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