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H.B. No. 766

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the location of certain public meetings for certain permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 5.554, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.554. PUBLIC MEETING. (a) During the public comment period, the executive director may hold one or more public meetings in the county in which the facility is located or proposed to be located. The executive director shall hold a public meeting:

(1) on the request of a member of the legislature who represents the general area in which the facility is located or proposed to be located; or

(2) if the executive director determines that there is substantial public interest in the proposed activity.

(b) A public meeting requested under Subsection (a)(1) shall be held in the house district in which the facility or proposed facility is located or proposed to be located.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not apply to a public meeting held under Section 5.554, Water Code, as amended by this Act, for which the location of the public meeting was determined before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.