

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, H.B. No. 9 (Ashby/Huffman)

By: Huffman

S.R. No. 707

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House Bill 9 (the development and funding of broadband and telecommunications services) to consider and take action on the following matter:

Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTIONS 3(a), (c), and (d) of the bill to read as follows:

(a) The comptroller of public accounts shall make a one-time transfer in the amount of \$155,200,000 from the broadband infrastructure fund established under Section 49-d-16, Article III, Texas Constitution, to the next generation 9-1-1 service fund established under Section [771.0713](#), Health and Safety Code.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 5, Chapter 10 (S.B. 8), Acts of the 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021, the comptroller of public accounts may not use funds appropriated under that section to support the Texas Broadband Pole Replacement Program established under Section [403.503](#), Government Code, as added by Chapter 659 (H.B. 1505), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, after the effective

date of this Act.

(d) The comptroller of public accounts shall transfer the amounts described by Subsections (a) and (b) of this section not later than September 15, 2024.

Explanation: The added text would require the comptroller of public accounts to make a one-time transfer from the broadband infrastructure fund to the next generation 9-1-1 service fund, prohibit the use of certain appropriated money in the Texas Broadband Pole Replacement Program after the effective date of the bill, and provide that the one-time transfers of money required by the bill be made not later than September 15, 2024.

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate