

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

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S.R. No. 707

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

24 (d) The comptroller of public accounts shall transfer the

1 amounts described by Subsections (a) and (b) of this section not
2 later than September 15, 2024.

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