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H.B. No. 53

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to designating the presiding officer of the governing body
3 of certain state agencies.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 651, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 651.010 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 651.010. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICERS BY
8 GOVERNOR. (a) In this section, "state agency" means a department,
9 commission, board, office, council, authority, or other agency in
10 the executive branch of state government that is created by the
11 constitution or a statute of this state, including:

12 (1) a university system or institution of higher
13 education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code; and

14 (2) a river authority as defined by Section 30.003,
15 Water Code.

16 (b) Notwithstanding other law, the governor may designate a
17 member of the governing body of each state agency as the presiding
18 officer of that governing body to serve in that capacity at the
19 pleasure of the governor.

20 (c) This section does not apply to:

21 (1) a state agency that is headed by one or more
22 statewide-elected officials;

23 (2) an entity that advises or reports to a state agency
24 headed by one or more statewide-elected officials;

1 (3) a river authority whose governing body is elected;

2 or

3 (4) a junior college district.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect November 1, 2003.