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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 a state agency that is  
21 headed by one or more statewide-elected officials or to an entity  
22 that advises or reports to a state agency headed by one or more  
23 statewide-elected officials.

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