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H.B. No. 713

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers of the executive director of the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 487, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 487.0265 to read as follows:

Sec. 487.0265. GENERAL POWERS OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; SUPERVISION BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. (a) The executive committee shall supervise the exercise of the executive director's powers under this section.

(b) The executive director may make an expenditure, enter into a contract, require a report, conduct an investigation, or take any other action the executive director or executive committee considers necessary or suitable to fulfill the office's duties.

(c) The executive director may enter into an interagency contract or a memorandum of understanding with another state agency to perform an administrative function of the office.

(d) The executive director shall determine the organization and procedures of the office.

(e) The executive director may:

(1) employ and terminate the employment of office staff members within guidelines established by the executive committee; and

(2) require a bond for any person that handles money or

1 signs checks under this chapter.

2 SECTION 2. Section 487.026(c), Government Code, is
3 repealed.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.