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H.B. No. 147

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of the governor to issue evacuation
3 orders during disasters.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 418.018(a), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) The governor may order [~~recommend~~] the evacuation of all
8 or part of the population from a stricken or threatened area in the
9 state if the governor considers the action necessary for the
10 preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or
11 recovery.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
17 legislative session.