

1-1 By: Swinford (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 2379
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2005;
1-3 April 19, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Government Organization; May 4, 2005, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 4, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the allocation of certain state office space.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 2165.104(c), Government Code, is amended
1-11 to read as follows:

1-12 (c) The commission shall adopt rules consistent with
1-13 private sector standards and industry best practices to govern the
1-14 allocation of space. The commission shall exempt from the space
1-15 allocation rules adopted under this [~~To the extent possible without~~
1-16 ~~sacrificing critical public or client services, the commission may~~
1-17 ~~not allocate usable office space, as defined by the commission, to a~~
1-18 ~~state agency under Article I, II, V, VI, VII, or VIII of the General~~
1-19 ~~Appropriations Act or to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating~~
1-20 ~~Board, the Texas Education Agency, the State Board for Educator~~
1-21 ~~Certification, the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board,~~
1-22 ~~or the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System~~
1-23 ~~in an amount that exceeds an average of 135 square feet per agency~~
1-24 ~~employee for each agency site. To the extent that any of those~~
1-25 ~~agencies allocates its own usable office space, as defined by the~~
1-26 ~~commission, the agency shall allocate the space to achieve the~~
1-27 ~~required ratio. This] subsection [~~does not apply to~~]:~~

1-28 (1) an agency site at which there are so few employees
1-29 that it is not practical to apply the rules adopted under this
1-30 subsection to that site [~~, as determined by the commission~~]; and

1-31 (2) an agency site at which it is not practical to
1-32 apply the rules adopted under this subsection because of the site's
1-33 type of space or use of space [~~, as determined by the commission~~].

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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