

AN ACT

relating to the appointment, operation, and recommendations of the Border Trade Advisory Committee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 201.114, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 201.114. BORDER TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) In this section, "coordinator" means the border commerce coordinator designated under Section 772.010, Government Code.

(b) The coordinator shall serve on the Border Trade Advisory Committee as presiding officer. The commission shall appoint the other members of the committee, which to the extent practicable must include:

(1) the presiding officers, or persons designated by the presiding officers, of the policy boards of metropolitan planning organizations wholly or partly in the department's Pharr, Laredo, Odessa, or El Paso transportation district;

(2) the person serving, or a person designated by the person serving, in the capacity of executive director of each entity governing a port of entry in this state; and

(3) a representative each from at least two institutes or centers operated by a university in this state that conduct continuing research on transportation or trade issues.

(c) The commission shall establish the Border Trade

1 Advisory Committee to define and develop a strategy and make
2 recommendations to the commission and governor for addressing the
3 highest priority border trade transportation challenges. In
4 determining action to be taken on the recommendations, the
5 commission shall consider the importance of trade with the United
6 Mexican States, potential sources of infrastructure funding at
7 border ports, and the value of trade activity in the department's
8 districts adjacent to the border with the United Mexican States.

9 (d) [~~(b)~~] The commission may adopt rules governing the
10 Border Trade Advisory Committee.

11 (e) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
12 size, composition, or duration of the Border Trade Advisory
13 Committee.

14 SECTION 2. Section 201.6011, Transportation Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Sec. 201.6011. INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR PLAN. (a) To
17 the extent possible, the department shall coordinate with
18 appropriate entities to develop an integrated international trade
19 corridor plan. The plan must:

20 (1) include strategies and projects to aid the
21 exchange of international trade using the system of multiple
22 transportation modes in this state; [~~and~~]

23 (2) assign priorities based on the amount of
24 international trade, measured by weight and value, using the
25 transportation systems of this state, including:

26 (A) border ports of entry;

27 (B) commercial ports;

- 1 (C) inland ports;
- 2 (D) highways;
- 3 (E) pipelines;
- 4 (F) railroads; and
- 5 (G) deepwater gulf ports; and

6 (3) address implementation of the recommendations of
7 the Border Trade Advisory Committee under Section 201.114.

8 (b) The department shall update the plan biennially and
9 report on the implementation of this section to the presiding
10 officer of each house of the legislature no later than December 1 of
11 each even-numbered year [~~7, 2004~~].

12 SECTION 3. The term of a member serving on the Border Trade
13 Advisory Committee immediately preceding the effective date of this
14 Act expires on that date. The member may be reappointed to the
15 committee.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 183 passed the Senate on April 7, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 183 passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor