

1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 1686
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2005; March 30, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Agriculture and Coastal
1-4 Resources; April 7, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute to Committee on Natural Resources;
1-6 April 18, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-7 Substitute from Committee on Natural Resources by the following
1-8 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 18, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1686 By: Jackson

1-10 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-11 AN ACT

1-12 relating to the interagency work group on rural issues.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 487.054, Government Code, is amended
1-15 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
1-16 follows:

1-17 (a) At least once each year, the following agency heads or
1-18 their designees shall meet in Austin to discuss rural issues and to
1-19 provide information showing the impact each agency has on rural
1-20 communities for use in developing rural policy and compiling the
1-21 annual report under Section 487.051(4):

1-22 (1) the commissioner of agriculture;

1-23 (2) the executive director of the Public Utility
1-24 Commission of Texas;

1-25 (3) the director of the Texas Agricultural Extension
1-26 Service;

1-27 (4) the presiding officer of the Telecommunications
1-28 Infrastructure Fund Board;

1-29 (5) the executive director of the Texas Department of
1-30 Housing and Community Affairs;

1-31 (6) the commissioner of the Department of State Health
1-32 Services [~~health~~];

1-33 (7) the executive administrator of the Texas Water
1-34 Development Board;

1-35 (8) the executive director of the Parks and Wildlife
1-36 Department;

1-37 ~~(9) [the commissioner of human services;~~

1-38 ~~[(10)] the commissioner of higher education;~~

1-39 ~~(10) [(11)] the comptroller;~~

1-40 ~~(11) [(12)] the executive director of the Texas~~
1-41 ~~Department of Transportation;~~

1-42 ~~(12) [(13)] the presiding officer of the Texas~~
1-43 ~~Aerospace Commission;~~

1-44 ~~[(14)] the executive director of the Texas Commission~~
1-45 ~~on Environmental Quality;~~

1-46 ~~(13) [(15)] the executive director of the Texas~~
1-47 ~~[Department of] Economic Development and Tourism Office;~~

1-48 ~~(14) [(16)] the commissioner of insurance;~~

1-49 ~~(15) [(17)] the commissioner of the Department of~~
1-50 ~~Aging and Disability Services [~~mental health and mental~~~~
1-51 ~~~~retardation~~];~~

1-52 ~~(16) [(18)] the commissioner of education;~~

1-53 ~~(17) [(19)] the executive commissioner of the Health~~
1-54 ~~and Human Services Commission [~~health and human services~~];~~

1-55 ~~(18) [(20)] the executive director of the Texas~~
1-56 ~~Workforce Commission;~~

1-57 ~~(19) [(21)] the executive director of the Texas~~
1-58 ~~Historical Commission;~~

1-59 ~~(20) [(22)] a member of the Railroad Commission of~~
1-60 ~~Texas;~~

1-61 ~~(21) [(23)] the executive director of the State Soil~~
1-62 ~~and Water Conservation Board;~~

1-63 ~~(22) [(24)] the executive director of the office; and~~

2-1 (23) [~~(25)~~] the head of any other agency interested in
2-2 rural issues.

2-3 (c) In addition to the individuals identified by Subsection
2-4 (a), the governor shall designate a representative from the entity
2-5 that provides mediation services to the state under 7 U.S.C.
2-6 Section 5102 to attend meetings held under this section.

2-7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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