

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3481  
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Natural Resources  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

In 2005, the Texas Legislature, passed H.B. 914, amending the Local Government Code, to require officers of local government entities and those who contract with local government entities or are considering doing business with such an entity to make certain financial and business disclosures.

Chapter 16 of the Water Code requires that regional water planning groups serve as the coordinating body for planning purposes and the development of regional water plans that are submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for adoption and inclusion in the state water plan.

H.B. 3481 makes regional water planning groups subject to the provisions of H.B. 914, as added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 1014, § 1.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 176.001(3) and (4), Local Government Code, by providing that "local governmental entity" includes a regional water planning group and that "Local government officer" means a *voting* member of the governing body of a local governmental entity.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2007.