

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 909 (Whitmire/Madden)

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H.R. No. 2893

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Texas, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, That House Rule 13,
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to
5 resolve the differences on Senate Bill No. 909 (the continuation
6 and functions of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, the Texas
7 Department of Criminal Justice, and the Correctional Managed Health
8 Care Committee, and to the functions of the Board of Pardons and
9 Paroles) to consider and take action on the following matter:

10 House Rule 13, Sections 9(a)(3) and (4), are suspended to
11 permit the committee to add the following appropriately numbered
12 SECTION to the bill:

13 SECTION _____. Subchapter D, Chapter 499, Government Code,
14 is amended by adding Section 499.072 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 499.072. LOCATION OF CENTRAL PRISON UNIT. (a) The
16 department shall conduct a feasibility study of relocating the
17 Central Prison Unit and the adjoining prison housing units from
18 their current location in Sugar Land, Texas, to a location that more
19 appropriately addresses the needs of the correctional system.

20 (b) If relocation is determined to be in the best interest
21 of the correctional system and the City of Sugar Land, during the
22 course of the study the department shall examine:

23 (1) the costs and benefits of relocating the Central
24 Prison Unit and the adjoining prison housing units;

1 (2) appropriate measures to ensure that adequate
2 easements are granted to allow development of surrounding property;
3 and

4 (3) an anticipated timeline for the relocation.

5 Explanation: This addition is necessary to require the Texas
6 Department of Criminal Justice to conduct a feasibility study
7 concerning the relocation of certain prison units and prison
8 housing units.