

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, H.B. 3249 (Truitt/Brimer)

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SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08, to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House Bill 3249 (the powers and duties of, and entities reviewed by, the Sunset Advisory Commission) to consider and take action on the following matters:

(1) Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the committee to add the following SECTIONS to the bill:

SECTION 2.06. TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION. (a) Section 442.002(k), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(k) The Texas Historical Commission is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the commission is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2009 [~~2007~~]. In the review of the commission by the Sunset Advisory Commission, as required by this section, the sunset commission shall limit its review to the appropriateness of recommendations made to the 80th Legislature.

In its report to the 81st legislature, the sunset commission may include any recommendations it considers appropriate.

(b) This section takes effect only if the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, does not enact other legislation that becomes law and that amends Section 442.002(k), Government Code, to extend the sunset date of the Texas Historical Commission. If the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, enacts legislation of that kind, this section has no effect.

SECTION 2.07. OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

(a) Section 487.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 487.002. SUNSET PROVISION. The Office of Rural Community Affairs is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the office is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2009 [~~2007~~]. In the review of the office by the Sunset Advisory Commission, as required by this section, the sunset commission shall limit its review to the appropriateness of recommendations made to the 80th Legislature. In its report to the 81st legislature, the sunset commission may include any recommendations it considers appropriate.

(b) This section takes effect only if the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, does not enact other legislation that becomes law and that amends Section 487.002, Government Code, to extend the sunset date of the Office of Rural Community Affairs. If the 80th Legislature, Regular Session,

2007, enacts legislation of that kind, this section has no effect.

SECTION 2.08. OFFICE OF STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS.

(a) Section 751.003, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 751.003. SUNSET PROVISION. The Office of State-Federal Relations is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the office is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2009 [~~2007~~]. In the review of the office by the Sunset Advisory Commission, as required by this section, the sunset commission shall limit its review to the appropriateness of recommendations made to the 80th Legislature. In its report to the 81st legislature, the sunset commission may include any recommendations it considers appropriate.

(b) This section takes effect only if the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, does not enact other legislation that becomes law and that amends Section 751.003, Government Code, to extend the sunset date of the Texas Office of State Federal Relations. If the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, enacts legislation of that kind, this section has no effect.

Explanation: The changes are necessary to provide a two-year continuation of the sunset review date for the Historical Commission, Office of Rural Community Affairs, and the Office of State-Federal Relations if the legislature does not enact other legislation to extend the agencies' sunset dates.

(2) Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the committee to add the following SECTIONS to the bill:

SECTION 3.11. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES. Section 2054.005, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.005. SUNSET PROVISION. The Department of Information Resources is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the department is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2011 [~~2009~~].

SECTION 3.12. ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE. Section 2055.003, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2055.003. SUNSET PROVISION. The office is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the office is abolished September 1, 2011 [~~2009~~].

SECTION 3.13. TEXAS PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY. Section 1232.072, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1232.072. SUNSET PROVISION. The Texas Public Finance Authority is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the authority is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2011 [~~2009~~].

Explanation: The changes are necessary to move the agencies' dates from 2009 to 2011, to adjust the sunset review schedule.

(3) Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit

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the committee to add the following SECTION to the bill:

SECTION 2.09. BOARD OF TAX PROFESSIONAL EXAMINERS.  
Section 1151.003, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1151.003. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The Board of Tax Professional Examiners is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the board is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2009 [~~2015~~].

Explanation: The change is necessary to move the agency's sunset date from 2015 to 2009.