

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

By: Whitmire

S.R. No. 1203

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th  
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, That Senate Rule 12.03 be  
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the  
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate  
5 Bill No. 909 (the continuation and functions of the Texas Board of  
6 Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the  
7 Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, and to the functions of  
8 the Board of Pardons and Paroles) to consider and take action on the  
9 following matter:

10 Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit the  
11 committee to add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to  
12 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.