

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Coastal Coordination Council (council) is an interagency board composed of representatives of natural resource agencies and public appointees that implements the Texas Coastal Management Program. Current law requires the council to meet quarterly. However, there have been times when a council meeting has been convened only to meet the statutory requirement, the council otherwise having no agenda. The general purpose of this bill is to allow the council flexibility to meet only when necessary to conduct the business of the council.

As proposed, S.B. 803 requires the council to meet twice each calendar year, rather than once in each calendar quarter, and as necessary to conduct the business of the council. S.B. 803 authorizes the chair or any three members to convene the council at any time and place.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 33.204(b), Natural Resources Code, as follows:

(b) Requires the Coastal Coordination Council (council) to meet twice each calendar year and as necessary to conduct the business of the council and to set aside time at each meeting for public comment on any issue under the jurisdiction of the council. Provides that the commissioner of the General Land Office is chair of the council. Authorizes the chair or any three members of the council to convene meetings at such times and places as they may determine necessary and appropriate. Deletes existing text requiring the council to meet once in each calendar quarter and authorizing the chair or any three members of the council to convene special meetings at other times.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2009.