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H.B. No. 3552

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of certain regional planning commissions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 391.003, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), any ~~[Any]~~ combination of counties or municipalities or of counties and municipalities may agree, by ordinance, resolution, rule, order, or other means, to establish a commission.

(a-1) A county with a population of 240,000 or more that borders the Gulf of Mexico may agree to establish a commission as provided by Subsection (a) only with:

(1) counties with a population of less than 3.3 million that are located within 100 miles of the Gulf of Mexico;

(2) municipalities located wholly within a county described by Subdivision (1); or

(3) counties and municipalities described by Subdivisions (1) and (2).

SECTION 2. Not later than November 1, 2009, any county described by Section 391.003(a-1), Local Government Code, as added by this Act, participating in a regional planning commission that does not comply with Section 391.003(a-1), Local Government Code,

1 as added by this Act, shall withdraw from the commission.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.