

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 726 (Eltife/Hughes)

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H.R. No. 2967

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, 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, 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 726 (the creation of the  
6 Harrison County and Prairielands Groundwater Conservation  
7 Districts, providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds and  
8 granting a limited power of eminent domain) to consider and take  
9 action on the following matter:

10 House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(2), is suspended to permit the  
11 committee to omit text not in disagreement in proposed Section  
12 8850.005, Special District Local Laws Code, in both versions of the  
13 bill, that reads as follows:

14 Sec. 8850.005. DISTRICT TERRITORY REQUIREMENTS;  
15 DISSOLUTION OF DISTRICT. (a) On September 1, 2013, the district  
16 boundaries must include at least one county adjacent to Harrison  
17 County.

18 (b) As soon as practicable after September 1, 2013, the  
19 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall determine whether  
20 the district complies with Subsection (a).

21 (c) If the commission determines that the district does not  
22 comply with Subsection (a), the commission shall dissolve the  
23 district in accordance with Sections 36.304, 36.305, 36.307,  
24 36.308, 36.309, and 36.310, Water Code, regardless of whether the

1 district meets the criteria for dissolution under Section  
2 36.304(a), Water Code.

3 (d) This section expires September 1, 2015.

4 Explanation: The omission is necessary because this  
5 provision is not essential to the creation, duties, or powers of the  
6 district.