

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of a communications coordination group.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.051 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.051. COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATION GROUP. (a) The communications coordination group shall facilitate interagency coordination and collaboration to provide efficient and effective planning and execution of communications support to joint, interagency, and intergovernmental task forces.

(b) At the direction of the division, the communications coordination group shall assist with coordination and collaboration during an emergency.

(c) The communications coordination group consists of members selected by the division, including representatives of:

(1) the Texas military forces;

(2) the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas;

(3) the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

(4) federal agencies that comprise Emergency Support Function No. 2;

(5) the telecommunications industry, including cable service providers, as defined by Section 66.002, Utilities Code;

(6) the National Guard's Joint Continental United

- 1 States Communications Support Environment;
2 (7) the National Guard Bureau;
3 (8) amateur radio operator groups;
4 (9) the Texas Forest Service;
5 (10) the Texas Department of Transportation;
6 (11) the General Land Office;
7 (12) the Texas Engineering Extension Service of The
8 Texas A&M University System;
9 (13) the Railroad Commission of Texas;
10 (14) the Department of State Health Services;
11 (15) the judicial branch of state government;
12 (16) the Texas Association of Regional Councils;
13 (17) the United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air
14 Patrol, Texas Wing;
15 (18) state agencies, counties, and municipalities
16 affected by the emergency; and
17 (19) other agencies as determined by the division.

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