

Amend **HB 1840** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 3 of the bill as follows:

(1) Strike added Sections 41.204(a)(2)(A) through (D), Agriculture Code (page 2, lines 24-32), and substitute the following:

(A) one representative of the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council or its successor organization;

(B) one representative of the Texas Grain & Feed Association or its successor organization;

(C) one representative of the non-warehouse grain-buying industry; and

(D) one member with expertise in production agriculture financing.

(2) In added Section 41.205, Agriculture Code (page 2, line 45), between "BOARD." and "The board", insert "(a)".

(3) In added Section 41.205, Agriculture Code (page 2, line 46), strike "once each year" and substitute "quarterly".

(4) After added Section 41.205, Agriculture Code (page 2, between lines 55 and 56), insert the following:

(b) Notwithstanding Chapter 551, Government Code, the board may hold an open or closed meeting by telephone conference call or video conference if:

(1) immediate action or a quarterly meeting is required; and

(2) the location at which a quorum of the board convenes is inconvenient for any member of the board.

(c) A meeting under Subsection (b) is subject to the notice requirements of Chapter 551, Government Code.

(d) Notice of a meeting under Subsection (b) must specify that the location at which meetings of the board are usually held is the location of the meeting.

(e) Each part of an open meeting under Subsection (b) shall be conducted in a manner that is audible to the public at the location specified in the notice of the meeting. The board shall ensure that each open meeting is tape recorded and that the tape recording is made available to the public after the meeting.

(5) After added Section 41.206(c), Agriculture Code (page

2, between lines 68 and 69), insert the following:

(d) The board shall notify the grain producer of the manner by which the grain producer may initiate a claim under Section 41.208. The notice may be provided in a manner determined by the board.

(6) Strike added Section 41.208(b)(1), Agriculture Code (page 3, lines 30-31), and substitute the following:

(1) be initiated:

(A) not more than 60 days after the applicable claim initiation date; or

(B) before a date determined by the board to be reasonable, if the board determines such a date; and

(7) After added Section 41.209(b), Agriculture Code (page 3, between lines 48 and 49), insert the following:

(c) The board shall make a determination under Subsection (a) within a reasonable period of time as established by the board.

(8) Strike added Section 41.209(e)(1), Agriculture Code (page 3, lines 65-66), and substitute the following:

(1) if the grain producer has failed to pay assessments for the current growing season under Section 41.206;

(9) After added Section 41.209(e), Agriculture Code (page 4, between lines 17 and 18), insert the following new subsection, appropriately lettered:

(__) Notwithstanding Subsection (f)(3), if the board determines that the documentation submitted in support of a grain producer's claim is incomplete, the board shall give the grain producer an opportunity to provide complete documentation.

(10) Reletter the subsections of added Section 41.209, Agriculture Code, and correct cross-references appropriately.

(11) In added Section 41.212(e), Agriculture Code (page 4, lines 56-57), strike "a simple majority of votes are cast in favor of the referendum", and substitute "the referendum meets the requirements of Section 41.031".

(12) In added Section 41.213(b), Agriculture Code (page 5, lines 10 and 11), strike "60" both places it appears and substitute "90".