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H.B. No. 751

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the attendance by a quorum of a legislative standing
3 committee at a caucus meeting.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 301.015, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

7 (c) The attendance at a legislative caucus meeting by
8 members of a standing committee who constitute a quorum of the
9 committee is not considered a meeting of the standing committee
10 under other law or under the rules of procedure for the house
11 creating the standing committee.

12 (d) In this section, "legislative caucus" means an
13 organization that is composed exclusively of members of the
14 legislature, that elects or appoints officers and recognizes
15 identified legislators as members of the organization, and that
16 exists for research and other support of policy development and
17 interests that the membership hold in common. An organization
18 whose only nonlegislator members are the lieutenant governor or the
19 governor remains a "legislative caucus" for purposes of this
20 section.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.