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H.B. No. 751

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the attendance by a quorum of a legislative standing committee at a caucus meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.