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S.B. No. 281

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the administration and powers of the Red River
3 Authority of Texas.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 279, Acts of the 56th Legislature,
6 Regular Session, 1959, is amended by adding Section 7A to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 7A. The Authority's Board of Directors or a Board
9 committee may hold a meeting by telephone conference call, by
10 videoconference call, or through communications over the Internet,
11 in accordance with procedures provided by Subchapter F, Chapter
12 551, Government Code, if holding the meeting in that way is
13 determined to be necessary or convenient by the Board president or
14 any three Board members.

15 SECTION 2. Section 19, Chapter 279, Acts of the 56th
16 Legislature, Regular Session, 1959, is amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 19. Said Authority shall have and may exercise such
18 functions, powers, authority, rights and duties as may permit the
19 accomplishment of the purposes for which it is created, including
20 investigating and planning, acquiring, constructing, maintaining
21 and operating of all necessary properties, lands, rights,
22 tenements, easements, improvements, reservoirs, dams, canals,
23 laterals, plants, works and facilities which it may deem necessary
24 or proper for the accomplishment of said purposes, including the

1 acquisition within and/or without said Authority of lands,
2 rights-of-way, groundwater and surface water rights and all other
3 properties, tenements, easements and all other rights incident,
4 helpful to, or in aid of carrying out the purposes of said Authority
5 as herein defined; provided, however, that said Authority shall not
6 engage in the generation or distribution of electric power except
7 as provided by Section 14b of this Act. The right of eminent domain
8 shall not be exercised or extend beyond the boundaries of this
9 District.

10 SECTION 3. Section 25, Chapter 279, Acts of the 56th
11 Legislature, Regular Session, 1959, is amended to read as follows:

12 Sec. 25. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as
13 authorizing the Authority to acquire[~~, regulate or control in any~~
14 ~~way~~] underground water or underground water rights by condemnation
15 [~~or purchase or otherwise or to develop, regulate or control the use~~
16 ~~of underground water resources in any manner. This Act is intended~~
17 ~~to govern and shall be construed to govern and apply to surface~~
18 ~~water only~~].

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.