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H.B. No. 1296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the appointment of certain representatives to certain
3 regional water planning groups.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 16.053(c), Water Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (c) No later than 60 days after the designation of the
8 regions under Subsection (b), the board shall designate
9 representatives within each regional water planning area to serve
10 as the initial coordinating body for planning. The initial
11 coordinating body may then designate additional representatives to
12 serve on the regional water planning group. The initial
13 coordinating body shall designate additional representatives if
14 necessary to ensure adequate representation from the interests
15 comprising that region, including the public, counties,
16 municipalities, industries, agricultural interests, environmental
17 interests, small businesses, electric generating utilities, river
18 authorities, water districts, and water utilities. The regional
19 water planning group shall maintain adequate representation from
20 those interests. In addition, the groundwater conservation
21 districts located in each management area, as defined by Section
22 36.001, located in the regional water planning area shall appoint
23 one representative of a groundwater conservation district located
24 in the management area and in the regional water planning area to

1 serve on the regional water planning group. In addition, the
2 commissioners court of each county located in Regional Water
3 Planning Area D, as the area's boundaries existed on September 1,
4 2015, may appoint one representative of the county to the regional
5 water planning group in that area. In addition, representatives of
6 the board, the Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Department of
7 Agriculture shall serve as ex officio members of each regional
8 water planning group.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.