

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Texas, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, That House Rule 13,
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to
5 resolve the differences on Senate Bill 1465 (creating limited
6 purpose disaster declaration authority for the governor and a
7 search and rescue task force in each disaster field response
8 region) to consider and take action on the following matter:

9 House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit the
10 committee to add text on a matter which is not included in either
11 the house or senate version of the bill by adding the following new
12 SECTION to the bill:

13 SECTION 2. Section [418.043](#), Government Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 418.043. OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES. The division shall:

16 (1) determine requirements of the state and its
17 political subdivisions for food, clothing, and other necessities in
18 event of a disaster;

19 (2) procure and position supplies, medicines,
20 materials, and equipment;

21 (3) adopt standards and requirements for local and
22 interjurisdictional emergency management plans;

23 (4) periodically review local and interjurisdictional
24 emergency management plans;

- 1 (5) coordinate deployment of mobile support units;
- 2 (6) establish and operate training programs and
- 3 programs of public information or assist political subdivisions and
- 4 emergency management agencies to establish and operate the
- 5 programs;
- 6 (7) make surveys of public and private industries,
- 7 resources, and facilities in the state that are necessary to carry
- 8 out the purposes of this chapter;
- 9 (8) plan and make arrangements for the availability
- 10 and use of any private facilities, services, and property and
- 11 provide for payment for use under terms and conditions agreed on if
- 12 the facilities are used and payment is necessary;
- 13 (9) establish a register of persons with types of
- 14 training and skills important in disaster mitigation,
- 15 preparedness, response, and recovery;
- 16 (10) establish a register of mobile and construction
- 17 equipment and temporary housing available for use in a disaster;
- 18 (11) assist political subdivisions in developing
- 19 plans for the humane evacuation, transport, and temporary
- 20 sheltering of service animals and household pets in a disaster;
- 21 (12) prepare, for issuance by the governor, executive
- 22 orders and regulations necessary or appropriate in coping with
- 23 disasters;
- 24 (13) cooperate with the federal government and any
- 25 public or private agency or entity in achieving any purpose of this
- 26 chapter and in implementing programs for disaster mitigation,
- 27 preparation, response, and recovery;

1 (14) develop a plan to raise public awareness and
2 expand the capability of the information and referral network under
3 Section 531.0312;

4 (15) improve the integration of volunteer groups,
5 including faith-based organizations, into emergency management
6 plans;

7 (16) cooperate with the Federal Emergency Management
8 Agency to create uniform guidelines for acceptable home repairs
9 following disasters and promote public awareness of the guidelines;

10 (17) cooperate with state agencies to:

11 (A) encourage the public to participate in
12 volunteer emergency response teams and organizations that respond
13 to disasters; and

14 (B) provide information on those programs in
15 state disaster preparedness and educational materials and on
16 Internet websites;

17 (18) establish a liability awareness program for
18 volunteers, including medical professionals;

19 (19) define "individuals with special needs" in the
20 context of a disaster;

21 (20) establish and operate, subject to the
22 availability of funds, a search and rescue task force in each field
23 response region established by the division to assist in search,
24 rescue, and recovery efforts before, during, and after a natural or
25 man-made disaster; and

26 (21) [~~(20)~~] do other things necessary, incidental, or
27 appropriate for the implementation of this chapter.

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1 Explanation: This addition is necessary to authorize the
2 Texas Division of Emergency Management to establish and operate a
3 search and rescue task force.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3430 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House