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S.B. No. 1311

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the office of water and the water advisory committee in the Department of Agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. Title 7, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Chapter 204 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 204. OFFICE OF WATER; WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sec. 204.001. OFFICE OF WATER. (a) The commissioner shall establish an office of water within the department.

(b) The office shall support:

(1) the department's goals and objectives related to agricultural water use; and

(2) the development of programs related to agricultural water use.

Sec. 204.002. WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The commissioner shall appoint a water advisory committee to advise the commissioner, the department, and the office of water on agricultural water use.

(b) The committee consists of nine members appointed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall appoint members who represent diverse sections of agriculture and diverse regions of the state.

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