

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 1289 (Creighton/Paddie)

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R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill 1289 (the purchase of iron and steel products made in the United States for certain governmental entity projects) to consider and take action on the following matters:

(1) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house or senate version of the bill by adding, in SECTION 1 of the bill, the following:

Sec. 2252.2025. REPORT. (a) Not later than December 1, 2018, the Texas Water Development Board shall electronically submit to the state auditor a report on all contracts for construction of a project that received financial assistance under Chapter 15, 16, or 17, Water Code, during the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2017. The report must include:

(1) the impacts on a political subdivision that has obtained or applied for financial assistance from the board under Chapter 15, 16, or 17, Water Code; and

(2) for each project that has obtained financial assistance as described by this subsection:

(A) the country of origin of the iron and steel products used in the project, in accordance with 19 U.S.C. Section

1 1304;

2 (B) the cost and quantity of all iron and steel  
3 products received from each country of origin for the project; and

4 (C) any related bond information, including the  
5 credit rating of general obligation bonds or revenue bonds issued  
6 by the board to finance or refinance projects included in the state  
7 water plan and the potential impact to that credit rating as a  
8 result of the bond issuance by the board.

9 (b) The state auditor shall prepare a summary on the report  
10 submitted under Subsection (a) and electronically submit the  
11 summary to the legislature not later than January 1, 2019.

12 (c) This section expires September 1, 2019.

13 Explanation: The change is necessary to require the Texas  
14 Water Development Board to electronically submit to the state  
15 auditor a report on all contracts for construction of projects that  
16 received financial assistance from the board under Chapter 15, 16,  
17 or 17, Water Code, during the state fiscal year ending August 31,  
18 2017, and to require the state auditor to submit to the legislature  
19 a summary of that report.

20 (2) Senate Rule 12.03(1) is suspended to permit the  
21 committee to amend text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION  
22 6(b) of the bill, in the transition provisions of the bill, to read  
23 as follows:

24 (b) Subchapter F, Chapter 2252, Government Code, as added by  
25 this Act, does not apply to a project as described by Section 15.432  
26 or 15.472, Water Code, that the Texas Water Development Board has  
27 formally approved for financial assistance. In this subsection, the

1 term "formally approved" means any project that is the subject of a  
2 resolution approving an application for financial assistance  
3 adopted by the Texas Water Development Board before May 1, 2019, for  
4 any portion of the financing of the project.

5 Explanation: The change is necessary to extend the time  
6 before certain contracts are subject to Subchapter F, Chapter [2252](#),  
7 Government Code, as added by the Act, to allow the Texas Water  
8 Development Board to submit the report and the state auditor to  
9 submit the summary required by Section 2252.2025, Government Code,  
10 as added by the Act.