

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of the requirements relating to the adoption of a new state agency rule by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2001.0045(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) This section does not apply to a rule that:

(1) relates to state agency procurement;

(2) is amended to:

(A) reduce the burden or responsibilities imposed on regulated persons by the rule; or

(B) decrease the persons' cost for compliance with the rule;

(3) is adopted in response to a natural disaster;

(4) is necessary to receive a source of federal funds or to comply with federal law;

(5) is necessary to protect water resources of this state as authorized by the Water Code;

(6) is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this state;

(7) is adopted by the Department of Family and Protective Services, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, Parks and Wildlife Department, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Texas

1 Commission on Environmental Quality, or Texas Racing Commission;

2 (8) is adopted by a self-directed semi-independent
3 agency; or

4 (9) is necessary to implement legislation, unless the
5 legislature specifically states this section applies to the rule.

6 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
7 to a rule proposed by a state agency on or after the effective date
8 of this Act. A rule proposed before that date is governed by the law
9 in effect on the date the rule was proposed, and the former law is
10 continued in effect for that purpose.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1896 was passed by the House on April 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 131, Nays 10, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1896 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor