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H.B. No. 2900

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a commodity producers board or a committee to hold meetings by telephone conference.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 41, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 41.061 to read as follows:

Sec. 41.061. MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL. (a) Notwithstanding Chapter 551, Government Code, a board or a committee established by a board may hold an open or closed meeting by telephone conference call if the convening at one location of a quorum of the board or committee is inconvenient for any member of the board or committee.

(b) The meeting is subject to the notice requirements applicable to other meetings.

(c) The notice of the meeting must specify as the location of the meeting the location where meetings of the board or committee, as applicable, are usually held.

(d) Each part of the meeting that is required to be open to the public shall be audible to the public at the location specified in the notice of the meeting as the location of the meeting and the audio shall be recorded. The audio recording shall be made available to the public.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.