By: Fierro H.B. No. 2900

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to the authority of a commodity producers board or a
- 3 committee to hold meetings by telephone conference.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 41, Agriculture Code, is
- 6 amended by adding Section 41.061 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 41.061. MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL. (a)
- 8 Notwithstanding Chapter 551, Government Code, a board or a
- 9 committee established by a board may hold an open or closed meeting
- 10 by telephone conference call if the convening at one location of a
- 11 quorum of the board or committee is inconvenient for any member of
- 12 the board or committee.
- 13 (b) The meeting is subject to the notice requirements
- 14 applicable to other meetings.
- 15 <u>(c) The notice of the meeting must specify as the location</u>
- 16 of the meeting the location where meetings of the board or
- 17 committee, as applicable, are usually held.
- 18 (d) Each part of the meeting that is required to be open to
- 19 the public shall be audible to the public at the location specified
- 20 <u>in the notice of the meeting as the location of the meeting and the</u>
- 21 audio shall be recorded. The audio recording shall be made
- 22 available to the public.
- 23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 24 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.