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H.B. No. 2900

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
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 (c) The notice of the meeting must specify as the location
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 in the notice of the meeting as the location of the meeting and the
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.