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H.B. No. 4579

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the introduction of the appropriations bill.

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

SECTION 1. Section 322.008, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subdivisions (1) and (2) to read as follows:

Sec. 322.008. APPROPRIATIONS BILL. (a) The director, under the direction of the board and members of the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Finance, shall prepare the general appropriations bill for introduction at each regular legislative session, provided that:

(1) the members of the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Finance are presented with the information for each recommended appropriation before the appropriations bill is introduced; and

(2) the members of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Committee on Finance authorize each appropriation in the introduced appropriations bill before the appropriations bill is introduced.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.