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S.B. No. 407

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the presiding officers of the boards of directors of river authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Title 5, Water Code, is amended by designating Chapter 152 as Subtitle A and adding a subtitle heading to read as follows:

SUBTITLE A. RIVER AUTHORITIES

SECTION 2. Subtitle A, Title 5, Water Code, as added by this Act, is amended by adding Chapter 150 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 150. PROVISIONS GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO RIVER AUTHORITIES

Sec. 150.0001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the board of directors of a river authority.

(2) "River authority" means a district created under the authority of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, as a regional water management entity to provide water development and planning services and other services to a river basin or portion of a river basin.

Sec. 150.0002. PRESIDING OFFICER. The governor shall designate a member of the board of a river authority as the presiding officer of the board to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

SECTION 3. (a) In this section, "river authority" means a

1 district created under the authority of Section 59, Article XVI,
2 Texas Constitution, as a regional water management entity to
3 provide water development and planning services and other services
4 to a river basin or portion of a river basin.

5 (b) For each river authority for which the governor was not
6 required to designate a presiding officer of the board of directors
7 for that river authority before the effective date of this Act, the
8 governor shall designate a presiding officer of the board of
9 directors of the river authority not later than January 31, 2020.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.