

1-1 By: Birdwell S.B. No. 407
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 22, 2019; February 14, 2019,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Water & Rural Affairs;
 1-4 March 27, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; March 27, 2019,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 407 By: Johnson

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the presiding officers of the boards of directors of
 1-20 river authorities.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Title 5, Water Code, is amended by designating
 1-23 Chapter 152 as Subtitle A and adding a subtitle heading to read as
 1-24 follows:

1-25 SUBTITLE A. RIVER AUTHORITIES

1-26 SECTION 2. Subtitle A, Title 5, Water Code, as added by this
 1-27 Act, is amended by adding Chapter 150 to read as follows:

1-28 CHAPTER 150. PROVISIONS GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO RIVER AUTHORITIES

1-29 Sec. 150.0001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-30 (1) "Board" means the board of directors of a river
 1-31 authority.

1-32 (2) "River authority" means the San Antonio River
 1-33 Authority and a district:

1-34 (A) created by the legislature under the
 1-35 authority of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, as a
 1-36 regional water management entity to provide water development and
 1-37 planning services and other services to a river basin or portion of
 1-38 a river basin;

1-39 (B) that contains one or more counties within its
 1-40 boundaries; and

1-41 (C) governed by a board of directors appointed or
 1-42 designated wholly or partly by the governor.

1-43 Sec. 150.0002. PRESIDING OFFICER. (a) This section does
 1-44 not apply to a district with an entirely elected board or the Upper
 1-45 Neches River Municipal Water Authority.

1-46 (b) The governor shall designate a member of the board of a
 1-47 river authority as the presiding officer of the board to serve in
 1-48 that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

1-49 SECTION 3. (a) In this section, "river authority" has the
 1-50 meaning assigned by Section 150.0001, Water Code, as added by this
 1-51 Act.

1-52 (b) For each river authority for which the governor was not
 1-53 required to designate a presiding officer of the board of directors
 1-54 for that river authority before the effective date of this Act and
 1-55 for which the governor is required to designate a presiding officer
 1-56 under Section 150.0002, Water Code, as added by this Act, the
 1-57 governor shall designate a presiding officer of the board of
 1-58 directors of the river authority not later than January 31, 2020.

1-59 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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