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By:  Murphy, Harless H.B. No. 1656

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain orders, proclamations, and regulations issued in response to a disaster by the governor or the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 418.012, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 418.012.  EXECUTIVE ORDERS. (a) Under this chapter, the governor may issue, amend, or rescind executive orders, proclamations, and regulations [~~and amend or rescind them~~].

(b)  Executive orders, proclamations, and regulations issued by the governor have the force and effect of law.

(c)  To the extent of any conflict, an executive order, proclamation, or regulation issued by the governor under this chapter prevails over an order, proclamation, or regulation issued by the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision under this chapter.

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, 2021.