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H.B. No. 2103

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of certain water planning entities to  
3 hold an open or closed meeting by telephone conference call or  
4 videoconference call.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 16.052, Water Code, is amended by adding  
7 Subsection (e) to read as follows:

8 (e) The council and any committee or subcommittee of the  
9 council may hold an open or closed meeting by telephone conference  
10 call or videoconference call. A meeting held by telephone  
11 conference call is subject to the requirements of Sections  
12 551.125(c)-(f), Government Code. A meeting held by videoconference  
13 call is subject to the requirements of Section 551.127, Government  
14 Code.

15 SECTION 2. Section 16.053(h)(12), Water Code, is amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 (12) Each regional water planning group and any  
18 committee or subcommittee of a regional water planning group is  
19 [are] subject to Chapters 551 and 552, Government Code. A regional  
20 water planning group and any committee or subcommittee of the group  
21 may hold an open or closed meeting by telephone conference call or  
22 videoconference call. A meeting held by telephone conference call  
23 is subject to the requirements of Sections 551.125(c)-(f),  
24 Government Code. A meeting held by videoconference call is subject

1 to the requirements of Section 551.127, Government Code.

2 SECTION 3. Section 16.062(1), Water Code, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (1) Each flood planning group and any committee or  
5 subcommittee of a flood planning group is subject to Chapters 551  
6 and 552, Government Code. A flood planning group and any committee  
7 or subcommittee of the group may hold an open or closed meeting by  
8 telephone conference call or videoconference call. A meeting held  
9 by telephone conference call is subject to the requirements of  
10 Sections 551.125(c)-(f), Government Code. A meeting held by  
11 videoconference call is subject to the requirements of Section  
12 551.127, Government Code.

13 SECTION 4. Section 36.108(e), Water Code, is amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (e) Except as provided by this section, a joint meeting  
16 under this section must be held in accordance with Chapter 551,  
17 Government Code. Each district shall comply with Chapter 552,  
18 Government Code. The district representatives may hold a joint  
19 meeting by telephone conference call or videoconference call. A  
20 meeting held by telephone conference call is subject to the  
21 requirements of Sections 551.125(c)-(f), Government Code. A  
22 meeting held by videoconference call is subject to the requirements  
23 of Section 551.127, Government Code. The district representatives  
24 may elect one district to be responsible for providing the notice of  
25 a joint meeting that this section would otherwise require of each  
26 district in the management area. Notice of a joint meeting must be  
27 provided at least 10 days before the date of the meeting by:

- 1           (1) providing notice to the secretary of state;
- 2           (2) providing notice to the county clerk of each
- 3 county located wholly or partly in a district that is located wholly
- 4 or partly in the management area; and
- 5           (3) posting notice at a place readily accessible to
- 6 the public at the district office of each district located wholly or
- 7 partly in the management area.

8           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.