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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. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.