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S.B. No. 739

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 49, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 49.0545 to read as follows:

Sec. 49.0545. PRESIDING OFFICER OF RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD.

(a) In this section, "river authority" has the meaning assigned by Section 30.003.

(b) This section applies only to a river authority for which the governor appoints at least one of the members of the board, other than an appointment made to fill a vacancy.

(c) The governor shall designate a member of the board of a river authority as the board's presiding officer to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

SECTION 2. (a) In this section, "river authority" has the meaning assigned by Section 30.003, Water Code.

(b) For each river authority for which the governor was not required to designate a presiding officer of the board of directors for that river authority before the effective date of this Act and for which the governor is required to designate a presiding officer under Section 49.0545, Water Code, as added by this Act, the governor shall designate a presiding officer of the board of directors of the river authority not later than January 31, 2022.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.