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S.B. No. 859

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
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 16.053(h)(12), Water Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (12) Each regional water planning group and any
9 committee or subcommittee of a regional water planning group is
10 ~~[are]~~ subject to Chapters 551 and 552, Government Code. A regional
11 water planning group and any committee or subcommittee of the group
12 may hold an open or closed meeting by telephone conference call or
13 videoconference call. A meeting held by telephone conference call
14 is subject to the requirements of Sections 551.125(c), (d), (e),
15 and (f), Government Code. A meeting held by videoconference call is
16 subject to the requirements of Section 551.127, Government Code.

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

19 (1) Each flood planning group and any committee or
20 subcommittee of a flood planning group is subject to Chapters 551
21 and 552, Government Code. A flood planning group and any committee
22 or subcommittee of the group may hold an open or closed meeting by
23 telephone conference call or videoconference call. A meeting held
24 by telephone conference call is subject to the requirements of

1 Sections 551.125(c), (d), (e), and (f), Government Code. A meeting
2 held by videoconference call is subject to the requirements of
3 Section 551.127, Government Code.

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