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S.B. No. 679

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of audiovisual technology during meetings by the Texas Water Development Board and the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

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

SECTION 1. Section 6.060, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The board may allow a member of the public to testify at a board meeting from a remote location by:

(1) telephone conference call, if the voice of each member of the public testifying by telephone conference call is audible to each other participant while the testifying participant is speaking; or

(2) videoconference call in accordance with Section 551.127, Government Code.

SECTION 2. Section 10.007, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The council may hold an open or closed meeting by videoconference call in accordance with Section 551.127(c), Government Code.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.