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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to issue an emergency or temporary order requested by a county judge following a weather emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 5, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 5.517 to read as follows:

Sec. 5.517. EMERGENCY OR TEMPORARY ORDER CONCERNING DEBRIS DISPOSAL AFTER WEATHER EMERGENCY. (a) On request of the county judge of a county, the commission may issue an emergency or temporary order under this subchapter concerning solid waste disposal or management or controlled outdoor burning of debris following a weather emergency in the county regardless of whether a state of disaster or state of emergency has been declared under state or federal law.

(b) The commission shall respond to a request for an emergency or temporary order described by Subsection (a) as soon as practicable after the commission receives the request.

(c) Section 5.502 does not apply to a request submitted under this section.

SECTION 2. Section 5.517, Water Code, as added by this Act, applies to a weather emergency occurring before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the

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1 last day of the legislative session.