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S.B. No. 1504

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1504:

By: Bell of Montgomery

C.S.S.B. No. 1504

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to meetings of the board of directors of the Gulf Coast Authority.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2.07, Chapter 409, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) to read as follows:

(a) The board shall meet regularly as necessary ~~[at least once each month, and may meet at any other time provided in its bylaws]~~.

(d) Notwithstanding Chapter 551, Government Code, Chapter 49, Water Code, or any other law, the directors of the board may hold an open or closed meeting by telephone conference call, videoconference, or other similar telecommunication method as provided by this section. The board may use a telephone conference call, videoconference, or other similar telecommunication method for purposes of establishing a quorum, for voting, or for any other meeting purpose.

(e) A meeting of the directors may be held by telephone conference call, videoconference, or other similar telecommunication method only if:

(1) the director presiding over the meeting is physically present at the location of the meeting that is open to

1 the public specified in the notice of the meeting during the open  
2 portions of the meeting; and

3 (2) a video and audio feed of the directors  
4 participating in the portions of the meeting required to be open  
5 must be visible and audible to the public at the meeting location.

6 (f) A director who participates in a meeting by telephone  
7 conference call, videoconference, or other similar  
8 telecommunication method shall be considered absent from any  
9 portion of the meeting during which audio or video communication  
10 with the director is lost or disconnected.

11 (g) A meeting held by telephone conference call,  
12 videoconference, or other similar telecommunication method is  
13 subject to the notice requirements applicable to other board  
14 meetings.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.