

CHAPTER 606

S.B. No. 203

An Act relating to continuation, term, administration, duties, operations, and finances of the office of Canadian River Compact Commissioner for Texas and cooperation of the Texas Department of Water Resources; amending Chapter 43, Water Code, by adding Sections 43.0041, 43.0042, 43.0043, 43.0051, 43.0052, and 43.0053 and by amending Section 43.0031.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 43, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 43.0041 to read as follows:

"Section 43.0041. TERM OF OFFICE. The commissioner holds office for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and has qualified."

SECTION 2. Chapter 43, Water Code, is amended by adding Sections 43.0042, 43.0043, 43.0051, 43.0052, and 43.0053 to read as follows:

"Section 43.0042. OATH. The commissioner shall take the constitutional oath of office and shall also take an oath to faithfully perform his duties as commissioner."

"Section 43.0043. EMPLOYEES; ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. The commissioner, in conjunction with the other members of the commission and as authorized by legislative appropriation, may employ engineering and clerical personnel and may incur necessary office expenses and other expenses incidental to the proper performance of his duties and the proper administration of the compact. However, the commissioner shall not incur any financial obligation on behalf of the state until the legislature has authorized and appropriated money for the obligation."

"Section 43.0051. NOTICE OF COMPACT MEETINGS. For informational purposes, the commissioner shall file with the secretary of state notice of compact meetings for publication in the Texas Register."

"Section 43.0052. COOPERATION OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES. The Texas Department of Water Resources shall cooperate with the commissioner in the performance of his duties and shall furnish him any available data and information he needs."

"Section 43.0053. CANADIAN RIVER REVOLVING FUND. All sums of money paid to the Canadian River revolving fund composed solely of funds of the State of Texas shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be known as the Canadian River revolving fund and may be used only for the administration of this Act."

SECTION 3. Section 43.0031, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Section 43.0031. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The office of Canadian River Compact Commissioner for Texas is subject to the Texas Sunset Act; and unless continued in existence as provided by that Act the office is abolished, and this chapter expires [effective] September 1, 1997 [1985]."

SECTION 4. (a) Section 1 of this Act takes effect on the expiration of the term of the office of the Canadian River Compact Commissioner for Texas that is in effect on September 1, 1985.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (a) of this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 5. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on February 4, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 22, 1985, by a non-record vote.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985