

CHAPTER 607

S.B. No. 204

An Act relating to the continuation, term, duties, and operation of the office of Pecos River Compact Commissioner for Texas and cooperation of the Texas Department of Water Resources; amending Chapter 42, Water Code, by amending Sections 42.004, 42.009, and 42.0031 and by adding Section 42.0071.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 42, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 42.0071 to read as follows:

“Section 42.0071. 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 2. Section 42.004, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Section 42.004. TERM OF OFFICE. The commissioner holds office for a term of *six* [~~two~~] years and until his successor is appointed and has qualified."

SECTION 3. Sections 42.009 and 42.0031, Water Code, are amended to read as follows:

"Section 42.009. COOPERATION OF *TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES* [~~RIGHTS COMMISSION~~]. The Texas *department of* Water Resources [~~Rights Commission~~] shall cooperate with the commissioner in the performance of his duties and shall furnish him any available data and information he needs."

"Section 42.0031. *APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT*. The office of Pecos 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 2 of this Act takes effect on the expiration of the term of the office of Pecos 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 on 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.

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Effective: September 1, 1985