

CHAPTER 74

H.B. No. 1320

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the State Seed and Plant Board to hold board meetings telephonically.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 62, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 62.0021 to read as follows:

*Sec. 62.0021. MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL. (a) Notwithstanding Chapter 271, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967 (Article 6252-17, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), the board may hold an open or closed meeting by telephone conference call if immediate action is required and the convening at one location of a quorum of the board is inconvenient for any member of the board.*

*(b) The meeting is subject to the notice requirements applicable to other meetings.*

*(c) The notice of the meeting must specify as the location of the meeting the location where meetings of the board are usually held.*

*(d) Each part of the meeting that is required to be open to the public shall be audible to the public at the location specified in the notice of the meeting as the location of the meeting and shall be tape-recorded. The tape recording shall be made available to the public.*

SECTION 2. 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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 1, 1993: Yeas 132, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on April 21, 1993: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

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