

CHAPTER 381

H.B. No. 78

AN ACT

relating to the application of the open meetings law to certain municipal boards, commissions, and committees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 211, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 211.0075 to read as follows:

Sec. 211.0075. COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW. A board or commission established by an ordinance or resolution adopted by the governing body of a municipality to assist the governing body in developing an initial comprehensive zoning plan or initial zoning regulations for the municipality, or a committee of the board or commission that includes one or more members of the board or commission, is subject to the open meetings law, Chapter 271, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967 (Article 6252-17, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), regardless of whether the board, commission, or committee has rulemaking or quasi-judicial powers or functions only in an advisory capacity.

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.

Passed by the House on March 31, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 19, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 2, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.