

## CHAPTER 26

## S.B. No. 33

## AN ACT

relating to district offices of the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

SECTION 1. Article 6663h, Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 6663h. DEPARTMENT DISTRICTS. (a) For the purposes of performing the department's duties, the commission shall divide the state into not more than 25 [18] districts. A district may not have more than one district office. The department may have as many offices for maintenance and construction personnel in a district as the commission determines necessary. *The department is exempt from any law purporting to require the department to conform the provision of its services to service regions other than the districts established under this article.*

(b) In determining the [~~number and~~] boundaries of a district, the commission shall consider all cost and benefit factors including the highway activity and the number of employees required to staff a proposed district.

(c) The commission shall periodically review the necessity for the [~~number of districts and for the~~] number of maintenance, construction, and support operations in each district and shall submit the findings of this review to the Legislative Budget Board as part of any budget request the department shall be required to file with that commission.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. 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 March 10, 1993: Yeas 28, Nays 3; the Senate concurred in House amendment on March 31, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendment, on March 25, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved April 13, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.