

## CHAPTER 77

S.B. No. 469

## AN ACT

relating to the composition and staffing of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee:

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (c) and (d), Section 26.403, Water Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) The committee is composed of:

- (1) the executive director of the commission;
- (2) the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board;
- (3) the executive director of the Railroad Commission of Texas;
- (4) the commissioner of health of the Texas Department of Health;
- (5) the deputy commissioner of the Department of Agriculture;
- (6) the executive director of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board; [and]
- (7) *the Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station;*
- (8) *the director of the Bureau of Economic Geology of The University of Texas at Austin; and*
- (9) a representative selected by the Texas Alliance of Groundwater [Conservation] Districts [Association].

(d) Each member of the committee listed in Subsections (c)(1) through (8) [(6)] of this section may designate a personal representative from the member's agency to represent the member on the committee, but that designation does not relieve the member of responsibility for the acts and decisions of the representative.

SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Section 26.404, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Each agency listed in Sections 26.403(c)(1) through (8) [(6)] of this code that is represented on the committee shall provide staff as necessary to assist the committee in carrying out its responsibilities.

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

Passed the Senate on March 10, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on April 21, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on April 15, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 4, 1993.

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