

1-1 By: Fierro, Springer (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.B. No. 2900
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2019;
 1-3 April 16, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Business & Commerce; April 29, 2019, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 29, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Nichols	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Menéndez	X			
1-12 Paxton	X			
1-13 Schwertner	X			
1-14 Whitmire			X	
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the authority of a commodity producers board or a
 1-20 committee to hold meetings by telephone conference.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 41, Agriculture Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 41.061 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 41.061. MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL. (a)
 1-25 Notwithstanding Chapter 551, Government Code, a board or a
 1-26 committee established by a board may hold an open or closed meeting
 1-27 by telephone conference call if the convening at one location of a
 1-28 quorum of the board or committee is inconvenient for any member of
 1-29 the board or committee.

1-30 (b) The meeting is subject to the notice requirements
 1-31 applicable to other meetings.

1-32 (c) The notice of the meeting must specify as the location
 1-33 of the meeting the location where meetings of the board or
 1-34 committee, as applicable, are usually held.

1-35 (d) Each part of the meeting that is required to be open to
 1-36 the public shall be audible to the public at the location specified
 1-37 in the notice of the meeting as the location of the meeting and the
 1-38 audio shall be recorded. The audio recording shall be made
 1-39 available to the public.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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