1-1 S.B. No. 739 By: Birdwell (In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2021; March 11, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture & 1-2 1-3 Rural Affairs; April 13, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 3; 1-4 1-5 1-6 April 13, 2021, sent to printer.) COMMITTEE VOTE 1-7 1-8 Absent PNV Yea Nay Perry 1-9 Х 1-10 1-11 Х Springer Creighton Х 1-12 Eckhardt Χ 1-13 Gutierrez Х Х 1-14 Johnson 1**-**15 1**-**16 Kolkhorst Х Powell 1-17 Taylor Х 1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 739 By: Perry 1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-20 AN ACT 1-21 relating to the presiding officers of the boards of directors of 1-22 certain river authorities. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-23 1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 49, Water Code, is amended 1-25 by adding Section 49.0545 to read as follows: 1-26 1-27 Sec. 49.0545. PRESIDING OFFICER OF RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD. In this section, "river authority" has the meaning assigned by <u>(a</u>) Section 30.003. 1-28 (b) This section applies only to a river authority for which the governor appoints at least one of the members of the board. (c) The governor shall designate a member of the board of a river authority as the board's presiding officer to serve in that 1-29 1-30 1-31 1-32 capacity at the pleasure of the governor. SECTION 2. (a) In this section, "river authority" has the 1-33 1-34 1-35 meaning assigned by Section 30.003, Water Code. 1-36 (b) For each river authority for which the governor was not 1-37 required to designate a presiding officer of the board of directors 1-38 for that river authority before the effective date of this Act and for which the governor is required to designate a presiding officer 1-39 under Section 49.0545, Water Code, as added by this Act, the governor shall designate a presiding officer of the board of directors of the river authority not later than January 31, 2022. SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021. 1-40 1-41 1-42 1-43 * * * * * 1-44