

SUBJECT: Quorum requirements for Cypress Valley Navigation District board

COMMITTEE: Natural Resources— favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 5 ayes — Counts, Cook, Culberson, King, Puente
0 nays
4 absent — Walker, Corte, R. Lewis, Moffat

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, February 18 — 31-0

WITNESSES: None

BACKGROUND : In 1965, the Legislature created the Cypress Valley Navigation District to construct and maintain canals, waterways and other navigational systems in the Cypress River, its tributaries, and Caddo Lake in Harrison and Marion counties in Northeast Texas. The district board has ten members, and a quorum for board meetings is eight members. The district board has encountered difficulty in obtaining a quorum at board meetings.

DIGEST: SB 404 would reduce from eight to six members the quorum for meetings of the ten-member board of directors for the Cypress Valley Navigation District.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by the two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house.