

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, numerous statutes creating boards and commissions have differing methods for determining the presiding officer of the board. As proposed, S.B. 904 establishes a uniform structure for all boards regarding how a presiding officer is determined. The uniform structure states that the governor designates the presiding officer, and the presiding officer serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 651, Government Code, by adding Section 651.008, as follows:

Sec. 651.008. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR. (a)
Defines "state agency."

(b) Requires the governor, notwithstanding other law, to designate a member of the governing body of each state agency as the presiding officer of that governing body to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.