County Commission Meetings; Member Selection—Regional System of Cooperating Libraries Governing Board; HB 2102

HB 2102 amends law relating to scheduling of county commission meetings and selection of members of the governing board of a regional system of cooperating libraries.

Scheduling of County Commission Meetings

The bill requires the board of county commissioners to meet on such days and times each month as established by resolution adopted by the board. Prior law required boards of county commissioners in certain counties to meet on the first Monday of each month at the county seat. The bill removes language differentiating meeting requirements of commissioners in counties with more than 8,000 inhabitants.

The bill allows for a special session to be called for the transaction of any business by a call of the majority of board members and removes language about transacting general or special business and calling special sessions as often as the interest and business of the county may demand. The bill clarifies that the business transacted at any special session will be governed by that business set out in the call for the meeting.

Additionally, the bill replaces the term "chairman" with "chairperson" in the amended statute.

Member Selection—Regional System of Cooperating Libraries Governing Board

The bill eliminates the requirement that the Governor appoint one or more representatives to the governing board of a regional system of cooperating libraries and instead requires such representative or representatives be appointed by the board of county commissioners of each county that is a part of the regional system. Likewise, the bill eliminates gubernatorial involvement in selection and certification of governing board members who are added when another county joins the territory of a regional system, and replaces that language with a requirement that such selection be made by the relevant board of county commissioners with the board of each participating library (as in prior law), and that the selection be certified to the State Librarian by both such entities.