

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, several portions of the Agriculture Code require the Texas Department of Agriculture to regulate or otherwise be involved in areas for which other local, state, and federal agencies have assumed authority or contain requirements are not needed for current conditions. As proposed, S.B. 1413 repeals outdated and duplicative portions of the Agriculture Code regarding the Texas Department of Agriculture.

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. Repealer: Section 12.004, Agriculture Code (Farmers' Institutes).

Repealer: Section 12.008, Agriculture Code (Grasses and Trees).

Repealer: Section 12.009, Agriculture Code (Animals and Animal Products).

Repealer: Section 12.030, Agriculture Code (Shared Foreign Sales Corporations).

Repealer: Section 13.005, Agriculture Code (Annual Report).

Repealer: Section 13.006, Agriculture Code (Records).

Repealer: Section 13.103, Agriculture Code (Inspection of Water, Gas, and Electric Meters).

Repealer: Section 13.106, Agriculture Code (Local Sealers).

Repealer: Sections 13.108(b) and (c), Agriculture Code (regarding powers and duties of sealers).

Repealer: Section 15.004, Agriculture Code (Areas of Implementation).

Repealer: Section 77.004, Agriculture Code (Approval of Program By Department).

Repealer: Section 77.005, Agriculture Code (Federally Funded and Approved Programs).

Repealer: Chapter 53, Agriculture Code (Agriculture and Livestock Pools).

Repealer: Chapter 96, Agriculture Code (Sampling of Grain For Grading Purposes).

Repealer: Chapter 145, Agriculture Code (Grading of Livestock).

Repealer: Chapter 252, Agriculture Code (Family Farm and Ranch Security Program).

SECTION 2. Amends Section 13.107(a), Agriculture Code, to delete text authorizing a county and one or more cities located in that county to combine the whole or any part of their political subdivisions for maintaining one set of standards and one sealer.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 13.122, Agriculture Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Provides that the farm and ranch loan security fund created under Section 252.081, Agriculture Code, is abolished.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 2003.