

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 1413  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **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. C.S.S.B. 1413 repeals outdated and duplicative portions of the Agriculture Code regarding the Texas Department of Agriculture.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority previously granted to the Texas Department of Agriculture is modified in SECTION 2 (Section 13.109, Agriculture Code) of this bill.

### **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 13.105, Agriculture Code (County Sealers).

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

Repealer Section 13.107, Agriculture Code (Sealers for More Than One Political Subdivision).

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 104, Agriculture Code (Marketing Orders).

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

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

SECTION 2. Amends Section 13.109, Agriculture Code, to delete text requiring the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to issue instructions and adopt rules governing county and local sealers.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 13.110(a), Agriculture Code, to delete text authorizing sealers to inspect and test all weights and measured used in the city or county in which the sealer is appointed.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 13.122, Agriculture Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 5. Provides that the farm and ranch loan security fund created under Section 252.081, Agriculture Code, is abolished.

SECTION 6. Effective date: September 1, 2003.