PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2361 as passed by the Seventy-Eighth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

> House Bill No. 2361 requires Houston police and firefighters to be given the names of complainants, if known, and the basis of complaints made against firefighters and police officers within 30 days of the complaint being filed. Labor relations between the City of Houston and its police officers and firefighters are governed by meet and confer agreements. Under the specific terms of those agreements, any issues affecting the labor relations of the City of Houston, on the one hand, and its police officers or firefighters, on the other hand, should be resolved through the meet and confer process. The Texas Legislature is not the appropriate forum to address this issue.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2003.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
7:30 AM O'CLOCK

JUN 20 2003

ATTESTED BY:

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Secretary of State