

# The Governor

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## Executive Orders

AWR 92-6

### CHARGING THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS PLANNING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the information in the state's custody is a strategic asset belonging to the people of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the information required for executive and legislative decision making provides critical support and is voluminous and costly to gather, automate, and analyze; and

WHEREAS, much of the state's information is geographically referenced and may be presented through geographic information systems (GIS); and

WHEREAS, GIS allows for the exchange of information between levels of government and facilitates the management of the state's natural, human, cultural, and economic resources; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to reduce redundancy in data-collection and development efforts and coordinate the various activities in GIS; and

WHEREAS, the legislature recognized the need for more coordination and cooperation between state agencies regarding information and information resources by creating the Department of Information Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Information Resources has chartered the Geographic Information Systems Planning Council (Council) as an interagency, intergovernmental forum to discuss, debate, and decide issues related to the interagency coordination of geographic information;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby charge the Council as follows:

The Council shall plan for the most cost effective means of acquiring and distributing geographic information to the state as a whole and ensure that agency programs are in concert with other state and federal agencies.

Further, the Council is charged to develop a business plan to prioritize and schedule the development of public-funded programs for the acquisition of geographic information of common interest, and to seek partners in the public sector for data development.

Finally, the Council is charged to identify agencies to serve as data custodians and define the roles and responsibilities for the agencies' data stewardship.

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Governor of Texas



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### ESTABLISHING A STATE PLANNING REGION TO PROMOTE AFFORDABLE

WHEREAS, the East Texas Housing Finance Corporation, hereinafter the Corporation, is a duly organized and validly existing joint housing corporation created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 394 of the Local Government Code which is currently comprised of Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation was created, *inter alia*, in order to provide low interest mortgage funds for the purpose of promoting affordable housing for low and moderate income families within the East Texas area; and

WHEREAS, there exist common and interrelated problems of affordable housing within the counties comprising the Corporation and Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation has approved the inclusion of Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties in the jurisdiction of the Corporation, contingent upon issuance of an executive order of the Governor of Texas establishing a state planning region for the purposes of §394.012, Local Government Code, which would include all the counties presently comprising the Corporation and Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Corporation has the clear, present, and unique opportunity to sponsor a program which will provide low cost mortgage loans within the seventeen counties listed below, a function which neither the Deep East Texas Council of Governments nor the East Texas Council of Governments is providing or is capable of providing under existing statutory or regulatory law in this state;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me, pursuant to the provision of §772.002, Texas Government Code, and in my capacity as Chief Planning Officer of the State of Texas, hereby delineate the geographic boundaries of the following adjoining counties as a state planning region, solely for the purposes of §394.012, Local Government Code, and for the sole purpose of promoting affordable housing for low income families: Anderson, Angelina, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Nacogdoches, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties; provided, however, that the

provisions of this Executive Order shall lapse upon the expiration of the time period in which mortgage loans can be originated pursuant to the 1992 East Texas Housing Finance Corporation mortgage revenue bond issue.

This Executive Order shall be effectively immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

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