

A RESOLUTION

relating to House Bill 1293 of the Texas State Legislature.

Whereas the Texas Beekeepers Association claims to represent all beekeepers in Texas whether they are subscribed members or not of said organization;

Whereas a limited group of no more than 60 persons within the Texas Beekeepers Association independently sought to change Chapter 131 of TITLE 6 AGRICULTURE CODE by submitting change proposals to Legislative Representatives of the State of Texas without disclosing the context of those changes to the beekeepers of Texas at large nor the majority of members subscribed;

Whereas that limited group of persons within the Texas Beekeepers Association submitted those changes to the Texas State Legislature prior to acquiring approval or resolution of the executive board of the Texas Beekeepers Association and claimed to represent both TBA board of directors and all beekeepers in the State of Texas;

Whereas those proposals became Texas Legislature House Bill 1293;

Whereas Trinity Valley Beekeepers Association is of the opinion that House Bill 1293 will cause unreasonable cost increase and unchecked regulation of resident Texas beekeepers by the Texas Apiary Inspection Service and the Chief Apiary Inspector and give the Chief Apiary Inspector regulatory control of native bee species; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Trinity Valley Beekeepers Association:

1. opposes House Bill 1293 as introduced;
2. authorizes the Board of Directors of Trinity Valley Beekeepers Association to represent on its behalf to other entities both private and governmental, opposition to House Bill 1293 and to support to any amendments to House Bill 1293 the board deems advantageous to Texas Beekeepers;
3. authorizes that this resolution be forwarded to members of the Texas State Legislature.

*Adopted March 14, 2017 by the membership of T.V.B.A.
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