

**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**

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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. 1496 as passed by the Seventy-Eighth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 1496 would disregard the constitutional doctrine of separation of powers. Set forth in Article II of the Texas Constitution, this doctrine establishes that there be three distinct departments of our government – legislative, executive and judicial – and that no department “shall exercise any power properly attached to either of the others.” House Bill No. 1496 would violate this principle by inappropriately granting a legislative agency authority over an executive branch agency. It would require the Texas Workforce Commission to adopt directives of the State Auditor.

However, I support the intent of House Bill No. 1496. Therefore, by executive order I am directing the Texas Workforce Commission to develop and implement innovative unemployment insurance fraud detection and collection strategies.

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 PM O'CLOCK

JUN 20 2003

ATTESTED BY:

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Secretary of State