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H.B. No. 1583

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Terry Memorial Hospital District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1105.051(a), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The district is governed by a board of seven directors elected through a cumulative election system with the candidates receiving the highest number of votes being declared the winners of the election [~~from the district at large~~].

(1) Each eligible voter will be allowed the number of votes equal to the number of director positions being voted on at the election.

(2) The election will be conducted at large, with all candidates running in a common field without any place designations.

(3) Each eligible voter will be allowed to cast his or her votes in any manner according to the voter's preference. A voter may cast each of his or her votes for different candidates, cast all of his or her votes for one candidate, or portion his or her votes in any other manner among the candidates as long as the total number of votes cast by each eligible voter does not exceed four.

SECTION 2. Section 1105.052, Special District Local Laws Code, is revised to read as follows:

Sec. 1105.052. NOTICE OF ELECTION. Notice [~~At least 10 days~~

1 ~~before the date of a directors' election, notice]~~ of the election  
2 must be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in  
3 Terry County in accordance with Section 4.003, Election Code.

4 SECTION 3. Section 1105.053, Special District Local Laws  
5 Code, is revised to read as follows:

6 Sec. 1105.053. BALLOT APPLICATION [~~PETITION~~]. A person who  
7 wants to have the person 's name printed on the ballot as a  
8 candidate for director must file an application with the board  
9 secretary in accordance with Chapter 144, [a petition requesting  
10 ~~that action. The petition must be:~~

11 ~~(1) signed by not fewer than 10 registered voters; and~~

12 ~~(2) filed by the deadline imposed by Section 144.005,]~~

13 Election Code.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.