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H.B. No. 1952

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of county appraisal district boards of directors.

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

SECTION 1. Section 6.03, Tax Code, is amended by amending subsections (a-1), (b), (c), and (l), and adding subsection (l-1) to read as follows:

Sec. 6.03. BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN LESS POPULOUS COUNTIES.

(a) This section applies only to an appraisal district established in a county with a population of less than 75,000.

(a-1) The appraisal district is governed by a board of directors. ~~Two~~~~[Five]~~ directors are appointed by the taxing units that participate in the district as provided by this section. Three directors are elected by majority vote at the general election for state and county officers by the voters of the county in which the district is established. If the county assessor-collector is not appointed to the board, the county assessor-collector serves as a nonvoting director. The county assessor-collector is ineligible to serve if the board enters into a contract under Section 6.05(b) or if the commissioners court of the county enters into a contract under Section 6.24(b). To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the district for at least two years

1 immediately preceding the date the individual takes office. An
2 individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board is not
3 ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing
4 unit. An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district
5 is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also
6 a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing
7 unit that participates in the district.

8 (b) Appointed m[~~M~~]embers of the board of directors other
9 than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director
10 serve staggered four-year~~[two-year]~~ terms beginning on January 1 of
11 even-numbered years. Elected members of the board of directors
12 serve staggered four-year terms beginning on January 1 of every
13 other odd-numbered year.

14 (c) Appointed m[~~M~~]embers of the board of directors other
15 than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director
16 are appointed by vote of the governing bodies of the incorporated
17 cities and towns, the school districts, the junior college
18 districts, and, if entitled to vote, the conservation and
19 reclamation districts that participate in the district and of the
20 county. A governing body may cast all its votes for one candidate or
21 distribute them among candidates for any number of directorships.
22 Conservation and reclamation districts are not entitled to vote
23 unless at least one conservation and reclamation district in the
24 district delivers to the chief appraiser a written request to
25 nominate and vote on the board of directors by June 1 of each
26 odd-numbered year. On receipt of a request, the chief appraiser
27 shall certify a list by June 15 of all eligible conservation and

1 reclamation districts that are imposing taxes and that participate
2 in the district.

3 (1) If a vacancy occurs in an appointive position on the
4 board of directors other than a vacancy in the position held by a
5 county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director, each
6 taxing unit that is entitled to vote by this section may nominate by
7 resolution adopted by its governing body a candidate to fill the
8 vacancy. The unit shall submit the name of its nominee to the chief
9 appraiser within 45 days after notification from the board of
10 directors of the existence of the vacancy, and the chief appraiser
11 shall prepare and deliver to the board of directors within the next
12 five days a list of the nominees. The board of directors shall elect
13 by majority vote of its members one of the nominees to fill the
14 vacancy.

15 (1-1) If a vacancy occurs in an elective position on the
16 board of directors, the board of directors shall appoint by
17 majority vote of its members a person to fill the vacancy. A person
18 appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective position must have the
19 qualifications required of a director elected at a general
20 election.

21 SECTION 2. Section 6.0301(c), Tax Code, is amended to read
22 as follows:

23 Sec. 6.0301. BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN POPULOUS COUNTIES. (a)
24 This section applies only to an appraisal district established in a
25 county with a population of 75,000 or more.

26 (b) Sections 6.031, 6.034, and 6.10 do not apply to an
27 appraisal district to which this section applies.

1 (c) The appraisal district is governed by a board of nine
2 directors. Three~~[Five]~~ directors are appointed by the taxing units
3 that participate in the district in the manner prescribed by
4 Section 6.03. Five~~[Three]~~ directors are elected by majority vote at
5 the general election for state and county officers by the voters of
6 the county in which the district is established. The county
7 assessor-collector serves as an ex officio director.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.