1-1 By: Chisum (Senate Sponsor - Estes)
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 31, 2003;
1-3 April 3, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources; May 5, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 5, 2003, sent to printer.)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the election of directors of a soil and water conservation district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 201.073(a), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided for the initial election of directors, the persons who are eligible voters and own land in a conservation district are entitled to elect the directors for the district. For that purpose, the eligible voters shall meet each year on a date and at a time and place designated by the existing board of directors. The directors shall designate for the election a date that is after September 30 and before October 16. Before [During] July 15 of each year, the directors shall designate a date, time, and place for that year's election of directors.

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SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

(b) This Act applies only to a designation of an election that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. A designation of an election that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the designation occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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