By: Luna   H.B. No. 2574

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to extending the boundaries of a junior college district

3 to include territory in the district's service area.

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

5   SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 130, Education Code, is

6 amended by adding Section 130.0661 to read as follows:

7   Sec. 130.0661. EXTENDING BOUNDARIES OF JUNIOR COLLEGE

8 DISTRICT IN DISTRICT'S SERVICE AREA. (a) The governing body of a

9 junior college district may order an election on the question of

10 establishing expanded boundaries for the junior college district to

11 encompass all or part of the territory located within the

12 district's service area established by Subchapter J.

13   (b) The election shall be held in the combined territory of

14 the junior college district and any territory proposed to be added.

15 The order must:

16   (1) describe the entire territory proposed to be

17 included in the new boundaries of the district; and

18   (2) set a date for the election, which must be the next

19 uniform election date that is more than 45 days after the date of

20 the order.

21   (c) The ballot for the election shall be printed to provide

22 for voting for or against the proposition: "Establishing expanded

23 boundaries for the _____ (with the blank filled in with

24 the name of the junior college district):_____ (with

1 the blank filled in with a description of the entire territory that

2 will be included in the expanded district if the proposition is

3 approved)."

4   (d) The proposition is adopted if approved by a majority of

5 the votes cast at the election.

6   (e) If the proposition is adopted, the governing body of the

7 junior college district shall enter an order stating that the new

8 boundaries are established for the district for junior college

9 purposes. If the governing body is elected from single-member

10 districts, the governing body shall assign any new territory to one

11 or more of those single-member districts and make any other

12 appropriate changes to those districts in the order or in a

13 subsequent order before the next election for members of the

14 governing body.

15   (f) The addition of territory to a junior college district

16 under this section and any resulting change in the single-member

17 districts from which members of the governing body are elected does

18 not affect the term of a member of the governing body serving on the

19 date the addition or redistricting takes effect.

20   (g) A junior college district may not adopt new boundaries

21 for the district under this section that extend within the service

22 area of another junior college district.

23   (h) If the proposition to establish new boundaries for the

24 junior college district is not adopted at the election, another

25 election to extend the boundaries of the same junior college

26 district may not be held under this section earlier than the fifth

27 anniversary of the date of the election on the proposition.

1   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2   a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

3   provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

4   Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

5   Act takes effect September 1, 2003.