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H.B. No. 3547

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the North Harris County Regional Water Authority.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2.02, Chapter 1029, Acts of the 76th Legislature, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) At the first election after each time the voting districts are redrawn~~+~~

~~[(1) five new]~~ directors shall be elected to represent the voting districts of the members of the board whose terms expire next after the districts are redrawn ~~[the single member voting districts, and~~

~~[(2) the directors elected shall draw lots to determine their terms so that:~~

~~[(A) two directors serve two year terms, and~~

~~[(B) three directors serve four year terms].~~

SECTION 2. Section 5.05, Chapter 1029, Acts of the 76th Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5.05. FUNDING BY OTHER DISTRICTS. (a) The authority shall develop a procedure for cooperatively funding a project of the authority with money from other districts political subdivisions located entirely inside of the authority's boundaries, and may develop a procedure for cooperatively funding a project of the authority with money from political subdivisions

1 located in whole or in part outside the authority's boundaries,
2 water supply corporations or other private entities, if the
3 authority project fulfills a governmental purpose of both the
4 authority and other ~~districts~~ political subdivisions, or fulfills a
5 governmental purpose of the authority that the authority determines
6 would be furthered by cooperative funding from a private entity.

7 (b) Not later than the 90th day before the date the
8 authority issues bonds, other than refunding bonds, to finance a
9 project, the authority shall provide written notice of the
10 authority's intention to issue the bonds to each ~~district~~ political
11 subdivision located entirely inside of the authority's boundaries
12 that may be benefited or affected by the project. The notice must
13 include the value of the bonds planned to be issued, a description
14 of the project the bonds would finance, and a schedule of the
15 estimated portion of the project costs financed by the bonds that
16 may be allocated to each ~~district~~ political subdivision benefited
17 or affected. [~~The schedule must be prepared by means of a formula~~
18 ~~certified by the authority's engineer.~~]

19 (c) A [~~district~~] political subdivision may enter into a
20 contract with the authority for the ~~district~~ political subdivision
21 to finance a portion of the proposed project with the ~~district's~~
22 political subdivision's resources instead of using only the
23 proceeds from bonds of the authority for that purpose. The contract
24 must be executed before the authority issues the bonds. As provided
25 in the contract, the authority [~~must~~] may:

26 (1) reduce the value of the bond issuance to the degree
27 that the ~~district~~ political subdivision provides project funding;

1 and

2 (2) credit the ~~district~~ political subdivision for its
3 contribution to the project financing and adjust the allocation of
4 revenue pledged to the payment of the bonds so that the authority
5 avoids using, to a degree reasonably commensurate with the
6 contribution, revenue from the ~~district~~ political subdivision to
7 service the authority's bond debt or interest.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.