

By: Cook of Colorado

H.B. No. 3567

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the method of electing directors of the Coastal Bend  
3 Groundwater Conservation District.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 1294, Acts of the 77th Legislature,  
6 Regular Session, 2001, is amended by adding Section 9A to read as  
7 follows:

8 Sec. 9A. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS IF DISTRICT ANNEXES  
9 TERRITORY. (a) Notwithstanding Section 9 of this Act, if the  
10 district annexes territory, the directors of the district shall be  
11 elected according to the single-member district method as provided  
12 by this section.

13 (b) The initial election under this section shall be held on  
14 the first date provided by Section 11 of this Act that occurs after  
15 the date the annexation of the territory is final and that allows  
16 sufficient time to comply with any requirements of law.

17 (c) The board shall draw five numbered, single-member  
18 districts for electing directors.

19 (d) For the conduct of the initial election under this  
20 section, the board shall provide for one director to be elected from  
21 each of the single-member districts. A director elected from a  
22 single-member district represents the residents of that  
23 single-member district.

24 (e) Except as provided by Subsection (h) of this section, to

1 be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as director, a person  
2 must be a registered voter in the single-member district that the  
3 person represents or seeks to represent.

4 (f) A person shall indicate on the application for a place  
5 on the ballot the single-member district that the person seeks to  
6 represent.

7 (g) The directors elected at the initial election under this  
8 section shall draw lots to determine which three of the directors  
9 serve four-year terms and which two of the directors serve two-year  
10 terms. At each subsequent election, the appropriate number of  
11 directors shall be elected.

12 (h) The directors may revise the districts as necessary or  
13 appropriate. The board shall revise each single-member district  
14 after each federal decennial census to reflect population changes.  
15 When the boundaries of the single-member districts are redrawn, a  
16 director in office on the effective date of the change, or elected  
17 or appointed before the effective date of the change to a term of  
18 office beginning on or after the effective date of the change, shall  
19 serve the term or the remainder of the term in the single-member  
20 district to which elected or appointed even though the change in  
21 boundaries places the person's residence outside the single-member  
22 district for which the person was elected or appointed.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.