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S.B. No. 526

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the San Jacinto River Authority board of directors.

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

SECTION 1. Section 6, Chapter 426, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. The management and control of all the affairs of said District shall be vested in, and the powers, rights, privileges, and functions of the District shall be exercised by a Board of Directors consisting of six (6) members, all of whom shall be freehold property taxpayers and legal voters of the State of Texas and four (4) of whom shall be residents of a county wholly encompassed by the District. Members of such Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Governor [~~State Board of Water Engineers~~] for terms of six (6) years. Provided, the present Board of six (6) directors of said District, appointed by the State Board of Water Engineers under authority of House Bill No. 1094, Chapter 613, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-seventh Legislature, amending Section 6 of Chapter 426, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature, as amended by House Bill No. 828, Chapter 480, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-seventh Legislature, for terms of two (2), four (4), and six (6) years, shall continue to serve as such until the expiration of the respective terms for which they were appointed. Upon the expiration of the terms for which the present members of the Board of Directors were appointed, the

1 successors of each and all of them shall be appointed by the
2 Governor [~~State Board of Water Engineers~~] for a term of six (6)
3 years.

4 The Directors shall hold office after their appointment and
5 qualification until their successors shall be appointed and
6 qualified. Should any vacancy occur in the Board of Directors, the
7 same shall be filled in like manner by the Governor [~~State Board of
8 Water Engineers~~] for the unexpired term. The Directors appointed
9 shall, within thirty (30) days after their appointment, qualify by
10 taking the official oath required of County Commissioners, and
11 shall execute bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)
12 payable to the District, the sufficiency of which bond shall be
13 determined by the Governor [~~State Board of Water Engineers~~], which
14 bonds after being recorded in the official bond records of the
15 county in which the District maintains its office shall be
16 deposited with the depository selected and approved for the deposit
17 of the funds of the District.

18 The Board of Directors shall organize by electing one of its
19 members President, one Vice-President, one Secretary, and one
20 Treasurer. Four (4) members, including the presiding officer,
21 shall constitute a quorum to transact business. The President
22 shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall be the chief
23 executive officer of the District. The Vice-President shall act as
24 President in case of the absence or disability of the President.
25 The Secretary shall act as Secretary of the Board and shall be
26 charged with the duty of keeping a record of all proceedings and all
27 orders of the Board. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for

1 all moneys received by the District and shall keep books and records
2 of all moneys received and expended. In case of the absence or
3 inability of the Secretary to act, a Secretary pro tem shall be
4 selected by the Directors.

5 The domicile of the District shall be in the City of Conroe,
6 in the County of Montgomery, Texas, where the District shall
7 maintain its principal office. The Board of Directors shall have
8 authority to fix the time, place and number of meetings of such
9 Board by proper resolutions, regulations and bylaws passed by said
10 Board. Said Board shall cause to be kept complete and accurate
11 accounts conforming to approved methods of bookkeeping. Said
12 accounts and all contracts, documents, and records of the District
13 shall be kept at said principal office, and same shall be open to
14 public inspection at all reasonable times.

15 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 6,
16 Chapter 426, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1937,
17 relating to the appointment and qualifications of members of the
18 board of directors of the San Jacinto River Authority do not affect
19 the entitlement of a member of the board of directors serving
20 immediately before the effective date of this Act to continue to
21 serve on the board of directors for the term to which the member was
22 appointed. As the terms of the members of the board of directors
23 expire or as vacancies on the board of directors occur, the governor
24 shall make appointments to the board of directors as provided by
25 Section 6, Chapter 426, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular
26 Session, 1937, as amended by this Act.

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