1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 1140 1-2 1-3 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2003; March 17, 2003, read time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources; first April 7, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; April 7, 2003, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the election of directors of a soil and water 1-8 1-9 conservation district. 1-10 1-11

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 201.073, 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 1-13 1-14 1**-**15 1**-**16 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 1-17 board of directors. The directors shall designate for the election 1-18 a date that is after September 30 and before October 16. Before 1-19 1-20 1-21 [During] July 15 of each year, the directors shall designate a date, time, and place for that year's election of directors.

1-22 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. 1-23 1-24 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003. 1-25 1-26

1-27 (b) This Act applies only to a designation of an election 1-28 that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. A 1-29 designation of an election that occurs before the effective date of 1-30 1-31 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the designation occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for 1-32 that purpose.

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