

1-1 By: Averitt S.B. No. 1828
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1-8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1828 By: Armbrister

1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to the composition and duties of the State Soil and Water
1-12 Conservation Board.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 201.011, Agriculture Code, is amended to
1-15 read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 201.011. COMPOSITION. The State Soil and Water
1-17 Conservation Board is a state agency composed of seven [~~five~~]
1-18 members as follows:

1-19 (1) [~~with~~] one member elected from each of the state
1-20 districts in accordance with this subchapter; and

1-21 (2) two members appointed by the governor, each of
1-22 whom is:

1-23 (A) actively engaged in the business of farming,
1-24 animal husbandry, or other business related to agriculture and who
1-25 wholly or partly owns or leases land used in connection with that
1-26 business; and

1-27 (B) not a member of the board of directors of a
1-28 conservation district.

1-29 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 201.015, Agriculture
1-30 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-31 (b) The term of office of an elected [~~a~~] member of the state
1-32 board begins on the day after the day on which the member was
1-33 elected. The term of one member appointed by the governor expires
1-34 February 1 of each odd-numbered year, and the term of the other
1-35 member appointed by the governor expires February 1 of each
1-36 even-numbered year.

1-37 SECTION 3. Section 201.016, Agriculture Code, is amended to
1-38 read as follows:

1-39 Sec. 201.016. VACANCY. Vacancies on the state board for
1-40 state district positions are filled by election in the manner
1-41 provided by this subchapter for an unexpired term or for a full
1-42 term.

1-43 SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 201, Agriculture Code, is
1-44 amended by adding Sections 201.028 and 201.029 to read as follows:

1-45 Sec. 201.028. SEMIANNUAL REPORT. Not later than January 1
1-46 and July 1 of each year, the state board shall prepare and deliver a
1-47 report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of
1-48 the house of representatives relating to the status of the board's
1-49 budget areas of responsibility assigned to the board, including
1-50 outreach programs, grants made and received, federal funding
1-51 applied for and received, special projects, and oversight of water
1-52 conservation district activities.

1-53 Sec. 201.029. MANAGEMENT AUDIT. (a) Not later than March
1-54 1, 2004, the state auditor, in coordination with the Legislative
1-55 Budget Board, shall conduct a management audit of the State Soil and
1-56 Water Conservation Board and deliver the audit report to the
1-57 governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
1-58 representatives. The audit shall include an evaluation of the
1-59 administrative budget for the board.

1-60 (b) This section expires April 1, 2004.

1-61 SECTION 5. In making initial appointments to the State Soil
1-62 and Water Conservation Board under Section 201.011, Agriculture
1-63 Code, as amended by this Act, the governor shall designate one

2-1 member to serve a term expiring February 1, 2004, and the other
2-2 member to serve a term expiring February 1, 2005.

2-3 SECTION 6. The State Soil and Water Conservation Board
2-4 shall prepare and deliver the first report required by Section
2-5 201.028, Agriculture Code, as added by this Act, not later than
2-6 January 1, 2004.

2-7 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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