

AN ACT

relating to the election of directors of the Wes-Tex Groundwater Conservation District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9(e), Chapter 1473, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

(e) When the boundaries of ~~[At the first election of the district after]~~ the county commissioners precincts are redrawn under Section 18, Article V, Texas Constitution, a director in office on the effective date of the change, or elected or appointed before the effective date of the change to a term of office beginning on or after the effective date of the change, shall serve the term or the remainder of the term in the precinct to which elected or appointed even though the change in boundaries places the person's residence outside the precinct for which the person was elected or appointed ~~[eight new directors shall be elected to represent the precincts. The directors elected shall draw lots to determine which director from each precinct serves a two-year term and which director from each precinct serves a four-year term]~~.

SECTION 2. Chapter 1473, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended by amending Section 11 and adding Section 11A to read as follows:

Sec. 11. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. ~~[(a)]~~ On the uniform election date prescribed by Section 41.001, Election Code, in

1 November [~~first Saturday in May~~] of each even-numbered [~~the second~~]
2 year [~~after the year in which the district is authorized to be~~
3 ~~created at a confirmation election, an election shall be held in the~~
4 ~~district for the election of.~~

5 [~~(1) the at-large director and the director from each~~
6 ~~precinct representing an incorporated area of the precinct to serve~~
7 ~~four-year terms, and~~

8 [~~(2) one director from each precinct representing an~~
9 ~~unincorporated area of the precinct to serve two-year terms.~~

10 [~~(b) On the first Saturday in May of each subsequent second~~
11 ~~year following the election], the appropriate number of directors~~

12 shall be elected.

13 Sec. 11A. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS IN 2006 AND 2008. (a) On
14 the uniform election date prescribed by Section 41.001, Election
15 Code, in November 2006, an election shall be held in the district
16 for the election of the directors from Precincts 2 and 4 to serve
17 four-year terms expiring December 1, 2010.

18 (b) On the uniform election date prescribed by Section
19 41.001, Election Code, in November 2008, an election shall be held
20 in the district for the election of the at-large director and the
21 directors from Precincts 1 and 3 to serve four-year terms expiring
22 December 1, 2012.

23 SECTION 3. (a) The terms of the Wes-Tex Groundwater
24 Conservation District directors elected from Precincts 2 and 4 and
25 serving on the effective date of this Act expire December 1, 2006.

26 (b) The term of the Wes-Tex Groundwater Conservation
27 District director elected from the district at large and the terms

1 of the directors elected from Precincts 1 and 3 who are serving on
2 the effective date of this Act expire December 1, 2008.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1996 was passed by the House on April 22, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1996 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor