

1-1 By: Hunter (Senate Sponsor - Duncan) H.B. No. 1996
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2005;
1-3 April 26, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Natural Resources; May 19, 2005, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the election of directors of the Wes-Tex Groundwater
1-9 Conservation District.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 9(e), Chapter 1473, Acts of the 77th
1-12 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (e) When the boundaries of [At the first election after] the
1-14 county commissioners precincts are redrawn under Section 18,
1-15 Article V, Texas Constitution, a director in office on the
1-16 effective date of the change, or elected or appointed before the
1-17 effective date of the change to a term of office beginning on or
1-18 after the effective date of the change, shall serve the term or the
1-19 remainder of the term in the precinct to which elected or appointed
1-20 even though the change in boundaries places the person's residence
1-21 outside the precinct for which the person was elected or appointed
1-22 [eight new directors shall be elected to represent the precincts.
1-23 The directors elected shall draw lots to determine which director
1-24 from each precinct serves a two-year term and which director from
1-25 each precinct serves a four-year term].

1-26 SECTION 2. Chapter 1473, Acts of the 77th Legislature,
1-27 Regular Session, 2001, is amended by amending Section 11 and adding
1-28 Section 11A to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 11. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. ~~[(a)]~~ On the uniform
1-30 election date prescribed by Section 41.001, Election Code, in
1-31 November [first Saturday in May] of each even-numbered [the second]
1-32 year [after the year in which the district is authorized to be
1-33 created at a confirmation election, an election shall be held in the
1-34 district for the election of:

1-35 ~~[(1) the at-large director and the director from each~~
1-36 ~~precinct representing an incorporated area of the precinct to serve~~
1-37 ~~four-year terms; and~~

1-38 ~~[(2) one director from each precinct representing an~~
1-39 ~~unincorporated area of the precinct to serve two-year terms.~~

1-40 ~~[(b) On the first Saturday in May of each subsequent second~~
1-41 ~~year following the election], the appropriate number of directors~~
1-42 ~~shall be elected.~~

1-43 Sec. 11A. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS IN 2006 AND 2008. (a) On
1-44 the uniform election date prescribed by Section 41.001, Election
1-45 Code, in November 2006, an election shall be held in the district
1-46 for the election of the directors from Precincts 2 and 4 to serve
1-47 four-year terms expiring December 1, 2010.

1-48 (b) On the uniform election date prescribed by Section
1-49 41.001, Election Code, in November 2008, an election shall be held
1-50 in the district for the election of the at-large director and the
1-51 directors from Precincts 1 and 3 to serve four-year terms expiring
1-52 December 1, 2012.

1-53 SECTION 3. (a) The terms of the Wes-Tex Groundwater
1-54 Conservation District directors elected from Precincts 2 and 4 and
1-55 serving on the effective date of this Act expire December 1, 2006.

1-56 (b) The term of the Wes-Tex Groundwater Conservation
1-57 District director elected from the district at large and the terms
1-58 of the directors elected from Precincts 1 and 3 who are serving on
1-59 the effective date of this Act expire December 1, 2008.

1-60 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-61 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-62 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-63 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-64 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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