

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the board of directors of the Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7, Chapter 519, Acts of the 71st Legislature, Regular Session, 1989, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. (a) The district is governed by a board of five directors to be elected according to the commissioners precinct method as provided by this section [~~composed of the county judge and the county commissioners of Lampasas County~~].

(b) Directors serve staggered four-year terms [~~The county judge is the chairman of the board of directors~~].

(c) On the uniform election date in November of each even-numbered year, the appropriate number of directors shall be elected [~~The county judge and each county commissioner serves as a director as an additional duty of service on the commissioners court~~].

(d) One director shall be elected by the voters of the entire district, and one director shall be elected from each county commissioners precinct by the voters of that precinct.

(e) Except as provided by Subsection (g) of this section, to be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as director at large, a person must be a registered voter in the district. To be a

1 candidate for or to serve as director from a county commissioners
2 precinct, a person must be a registered voter of that precinct.

3 (f) A person shall indicate on the application for a place
4 on the ballot:

5 (1) the precinct that the person seeks to represent;
6 or

7 (2) that the person seeks to represent the district at
8 large.

9 (g) When the boundaries of the county commissioners
10 precincts are redrawn under Section 18, Article V, Texas
11 Constitution, a director in office on the effective date of the
12 change, or elected or appointed before the effective date of the
13 change to a term of office beginning on or after the effective date
14 of the change, shall serve the term or the remainder of the term in
15 the precinct to which elected or appointed even though the change in
16 boundaries places the person's residence outside the precinct for
17 which the person was elected or appointed.

18 SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective
19 date of this Act, the Lampasas County Commissioners Court shall
20 appoint five temporary directors to the board of directors of the
21 Saratoga Underground Water Conservation District. The temporary
22 directors appointed under this section replace the persons serving
23 as directors immediately before the effective date of this Act.

24 (b) The commissioners court shall appoint one person to
25 represent the district at large and one person from each county
26 commissioners precinct. To be eligible to be appointed as director
27 at large, a person must be a registered voter in the district. To be

1 eligible to be appointed from a county commissioners precinct, a
2 person must be a registered voter of that precinct.

3 (c) The director appointed to represent the district at
4 large and the directors appointed from precincts two and four shall
5 serve until the November uniform election date in 2006. The
6 directors appointed from precincts one and three shall serve until
7 the November uniform election date in 2008.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3539 was passed by the House on May 20, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3539 on May 27, 2005, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 3539 on May 29, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 3539

I certify that H.B. No. 3539 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 3539 on May 29, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor