

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 800  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 28, 2005; March 10, 2005,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
1-4 April 13, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 13, 2005,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 800 By: Staples

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

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1-11 relating to pilot project regarding elections and terms of office  
1-12 for trustees of certain independent school districts.

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

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 11, Education Code, is  
1-15 amended by adding Section 11.0591 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 11.0591. TERMS OF CERTAIN TRUSTEES; PILOT PROJECT.

1-17 (a) This section applies only to a school district with a central  
1-18 administrative office located in Cameron, Hidalgo, Kenedy,  
1-19 Kleberg, or Willacy County.

1-20 (b) Notwithstanding Section 11.059, a trustee of an  
1-21 independent school district to which this section applies serves a  
1-22 term of four years.

1-23 (c) Elections for trustees under this section shall be held  
1-24 every four years.

1-25 (d) The agency shall prepare a report analyzing the benefits  
1-26 and problems associated with conducting trustee elections on a  
1-27 uniform date every four years. Not later than January 1, 2015, the  
1-28 agency shall deliver a copy of the report to the lieutenant  
1-29 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the  
1-30 committee in each house of the legislature with primary  
1-31 jurisdiction over public education.

1-32 (e) This section expires April 1, 2015.

1-33 SECTION 2. (a) Section 11.0591, Education Code, as added  
1-34 by this Act, applies to a school district trustee election  
1-35 scheduled to be held on or after November 8, 2005.

1-36 (b) A school district board of trustees shall hold an  
1-37 election under Section 11.0591, Education Code, as added by this  
1-38 Act, on May 6, 2006, or November 7, 2006, as determined by the  
1-39 board.

1-40 (c) To implement the changes made by this Act, a person may  
1-41 serve a term as school district trustee that is shorter or longer  
1-42 than the term for which the person was elected.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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