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S.B. No. 1953

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the name, commissioners, and powers of the Aransas County Navigation District No. 1.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 5001, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5001. ARANSAS COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT [~~NO. 1~~]

SECTION 2. Section 5001.001, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5001.001. DEFINITIONS [~~DEFINITION~~]. In this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the navigation and canal commission of the district.

(2) "Commissioner" means a member of the commission.

(3) "District" [~~,"district"~~] means the Aransas County Navigation District [~~No. 1~~].

SECTION 3. Chapter 5001, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Subchapter A-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A-1. COMMISSION

Sec. 5001.021. COMMISSION; TERMS. (a) The district is governed by a commission consisting of five elected commissioners.

(b) Commissioners serve staggered four-year terms of office, with two or three commissioners' terms expiring January 1 of each odd-numbered year.

(c) One commissioner is elected from each Aransas County

1 commissioners precinct and one commissioner is elected from the
2 district at large.

3 Sec. 5001.022. ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS. On the uniform
4 election date in November of each even-numbered year, the
5 appropriate number of commissioners shall be elected.

6 Sec. 5001.023. COMPENSATION OF COMMISSIONERS.
7 Notwithstanding Section 62.070, Water Code, the commission shall
8 set the amount of the compensation, office and travel expenses, and
9 other allowances for the commissioners, other district officers,
10 and employees who are paid wholly from district money.

11 SECTION 4. Section 5001.051, Special District Local Laws
12 Code, is amended to read as follows:

13 Sec. 5001.051. DEFINITION [~~DEFINITIONS~~]. In this
14 subchapter, "fund" [+

15 [~~(1) "Commission" means the navigation and canal~~
16 ~~commission of the district.~~

17 [~~(2) "Fund"~~] means a promotion and development fund
18 created by the district.

19 SECTION 5. Chapter 5001, Special District Local Laws Code,
20 is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

21 SUBCHAPTER C. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

22 Sec. 5001.101. PURCHASE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY. The district
23 may purchase or lease property in the same manner as a county.

24 SECTION 6. (a) The changes in law made by this Act do not
25 affect the selection of the members of the navigation and canal
26 commission of the Aransas County Navigation District serving before
27 January 1, 2008.

1 (b) Notwithstanding Section 5001.022, Special District
2 Local Laws Code, as added by this Act, on the uniform election date
3 in November 2007, five members of the navigation and canal
4 commission of the Aransas County Navigation District shall be
5 elected. The members must possess the qualifications provided by
6 Section 5001.021(c), Special District Local Laws Code, as added by
7 this Act. The members elected take office January 1, 2008. The
8 terms of the members elected from Aransas County commissioners
9 precincts 1 and 3 expire January 1, 2009. The terms of the members
10 elected from Aransas County commissioners precincts 2 and 4 and of
11 the member elected from the district at large expire January 1,
12 2011.

13 (c) The term of a member of the navigation and canal
14 commission of the district serving on December 31, 2007, expires on
15 January 1, 2008.

16 (d) On the uniform election date in November of each
17 even-numbered year, the appropriate number of members of the
18 navigation and canal commission of the district shall be elected to
19 four-year terms as provided by Subchapter A-1, Chapter 5001,
20 Special District Local Laws Code, as added by this Act.

21 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.