

By: Howard of Fort Bend

H.B. No. 1229

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment and removal of appraisal review board members.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 6.41(d), (e), and (f), Tax Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) Members of the board are appointed by the county judge of the county in which the appraisal district is established [~~resolution of a majority of the appraisal district board of directors~~]. A vacancy on the board is filled in the same manner for the unexpired portion of the term.

(e) Members of the board hold office for terms of two years beginning January 1. The appraisal district board of directors by resolution shall provide for staggered terms, so that the terms of as close to one-half of the members as possible expire each year. In making the initial or subsequent appointments, the county judge of the county in which the appraisal district is established [~~board of directors~~] shall designate those members who serve terms of one year as needed to comply with this subsection.

(f) A member of the board may be removed from the board by the county judge of the county in which [~~a majority vote of~~] the appraisal district is established [~~board of directors~~]. Grounds for removal are:

(1) a violation of Section 6.412, 6.413, 41.66(f), or

1 41.69; or

2 (2) good cause relating to the attendance of members  
3 at called meetings of the board as established by written policy  
4 adopted by a majority of the appraisal district board of directors.

5 SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable on or after the  
6 effective date of this Act, the county judge of each county in which  
7 an appraisal district is established shall in the manner provided  
8 by Section 6.41, Tax Code, as amended by this Act, appoint the  
9 members of the appraisal review board for the district. In making  
10 the initial appointments, the county judge shall designate those  
11 members who serve terms of one year.

12 (b) The term of an appraisal review board member serving on  
13 December 31, 2009, expires on January 1, 2010.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.