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H.B. No. 4824

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the election of the members of the Board of Port
3 Commissioners of the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of
4 Jefferson County.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 9, Chapter 197, Acts of the 58th
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 1963, is amended by amending
8 Subsections (a), (c), and (d) and adding Subsections (e) and (f) to
9 read as follows:

10 (a) The District shall hold an election in the District to
11 elect the appropriate number of commissioners on the uniform
12 election date in [first Saturday of] May in each odd-numbered year
13 [at which time there shall be elected five (5) Port Commissioners].

14 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (f) [~~(d)~~] of this
15 section, the commissioners serve staggered six-year [~~four-year~~]
16 terms.

17 (d) Four commissioners are elected from single-member
18 districts and one commissioner is elected at large [~~At the~~
19 ~~commissioner's election held in 1991, five commissioners shall be~~
20 ~~elected. Those elected shall draw lots to determine which two~~
21 ~~commissioners will serve two-year terms and which three~~
22 ~~commissioners will serve four-year terms. At the election held in~~
23 ~~1993, two commissioners shall be elected. Those commissioners and~~
24 ~~commissioners elected at subsequent elections serve four-year~~

1 ~~terms]~~.

2 (e) Before November 30, 2010, the board of commissioners of
3 the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County,
4 Texas, shall create four single-member precincts for the election
5 of commissioners and establish the boundaries of each single-member
6 precinct and the position that will serve each precinct. The
7 precincts are subject to the approval of any state or federal agency
8 that regulates an election.

9 (f) The commissioners shall determine the date that the term
10 for each of the four single-member precincts and the at-large
11 position expires by drawing lots for 2011, 2013, and 2015. At the
12 2011 election, two commissioners shall be elected to serve terms of
13 six years and one commissioner shall be elected to serve a term of
14 four years. At the 2013 election, two commissioners shall be
15 elected to serve terms of six years. At the election held in 2015,
16 one commissioner shall be elected to serve a term of six years.

17 SECTION 2. A commissioner on the effective date of this Act
18 may continue in office until a successor is elected and qualified.

19 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
20 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
21 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
22 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
23 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
24 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
25 Government Code.

26 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
27 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on

1 Environmental Quality.

2 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
3 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
4 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
5 representatives within the required time.

6 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
7 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
8 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
9 and accomplished.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.