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H.B. No. 4832

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the board of directors of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1152, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding Section 9A to read as follows:

Sec. 9A. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of the Act by which this section is enacted into law, the board shall:

(1) divide the district into five single-member districts for electing directors; and

(2) assign each of the existing board positions to one of the new single-member districts.

(b) If the district annexes territory, the annexed territory becomes part of one or more of the single-member districts as determined by the board.

(c) One director shall be elected from each single-member district.

(d) To be a candidate for or to serve as a director, a person must be a registered voter in the single-member district the person represents or seeks to represent.

(e) A person shall indicate on the application for a place on the ballot the single-member district the person seeks to

1 represent.

2 (f) After each federal decennial census or as needed, the
3 board may redraw the single-member districts to reflect population
4 changes. A director in office on the effective date of a change in
5 the boundaries of a single-member district, or a director elected
6 or appointed before the effective date of the change whose term of
7 office begins on or after the effective date of the change, shall
8 serve for the remainder of the director's term in the single-member
9 district to which elected or appointed even though the change in
10 boundaries places the director's residence outside the district to
11 which the director was elected or appointed.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 1162, Acts of the 78th Legislature,
13 Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding Section 8A to read as
14 follows:

15 Sec. 8A. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: SINGLE-MEMBER
16 DISTRICTS. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of
17 the Act by which this section is enacted into law, the board shall:

18 (1) divide the district into five single-member
19 districts for electing directors; and

20 (2) assign each of the existing board positions to one
21 of the new single-member districts.

22 (b) If the district annexes territory, the annexed
23 territory becomes part of one or more of the single-member
24 districts as determined by the board.

25 (c) One director shall be elected from each single-member
26 district.

27 (d) To be a candidate for or to serve as a director, a person

1 must be a registered voter in the single-member district the person
2 represents or seeks to represent.

3 (e) A person shall indicate on the application for a place
4 on the ballot the single-member district the person seeks to
5 represent.

6 (f) After each federal decennial census or as needed, the
7 board may redraw the single-member districts to reflect population
8 changes. A director in office on the effective date of a change in
9 the boundaries of a single-member district, or a director elected
10 or appointed before the effective date of the change whose term of
11 office begins on or after the effective date of the change, shall
12 serve for the remainder of the director's term in the single-member
13 district to which elected or appointed even though the change in
14 boundaries places the director's residence outside the district to
15 which the director was elected or appointed.

16 SECTION 3. The following laws are repealed:

17 (1) Section 9, Chapter 1152, Acts of the 78th
18 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003; and

19 (2) Section 8, Chapter 1162, Acts of the 78th
20 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

21 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
22 only to a director elected or appointed to serve on the board of
23 directors of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District on
24 or after the effective date of this Act.

25 (b) The change in law made by this Act does not affect the
26 term of office of a director serving on the board of directors of
27 the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District on the

1 effective date of this Act.

2 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.