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H.B. No. 4835

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the governing body of the Willacy County Navigation District.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 404, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, is amended by adding Sections 1A, 1B, and 1C to read as follows:

Sec. 1A. In this Act:

(1) "Board" means the board of navigation and canal commissioners of the district.

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

(3) "District" means the Willacy County Navigation District.

Sec. 1B. (a) The board shall divide the territory of the district into four numbered single-member districts for electing commissioners.

(b) The board may revise the single-member districts as necessary or appropriate.

(c) The board consists of five commissioners. One commissioner is elected from each single-member district, and one commissioner is elected from the district at large.

(d) Commissioners serve staggered four-year terms.

Sec. 1C. The board shall hold an election to elect the appropriate number of commissioners on the uniform election date in

1 November of each odd-numbered year.

2 SECTION 2. (a) In this section, "board," "commissioner,"  
3 and "district" have the meanings assigned by Section 1A, Chapter  
4 404, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, as added  
5 by this Act.

6 (b) Not later than June 1, 2010, the board shall divide the  
7 territory of the district into four numbered single-member  
8 districts as required by Section 1B, Chapter 404, Acts of the 53rd  
9 Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, as added by this Act. At that  
10 time, the board shall adopt a resolution specifying the  
11 single-member district positions that will be elected in 2011 and  
12 2013.

13 (c) A commissioner of the district who is serving on the day  
14 before the effective date of this Act shall serve until the  
15 commissioner's term expires.

16 (d) On the uniform election date in November 2009, the board  
17 shall hold an election to elect one at-large commissioner to a term  
18 of four years.

19 (e) On the uniform election date in November 2011, the board  
20 shall hold an election to elect two commissioners from  
21 single-member districts as provided by the resolution adopted under  
22 Subsection (b) of this section.

23 (f) On the uniform election date in November 2013, the board  
24 shall hold an election to elect two commissioners from  
25 single-member districts and one at-large commissioner as provided  
26 by the resolution adopted under Subsection (b) of this section.

27 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to

1 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this  
2 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a  
3 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,  
4 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished  
5 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,  
6 Government Code.

7 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has  
8 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on  
9 Environmental Quality.

10 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed  
11 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the  
12 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
13 representatives within the required time.

14 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this  
15 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect  
16 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled  
17 and accomplished.

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