

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.

(e) The commissioner elected from the district at large serves as the presiding officer of the board.

1       Sec. 1C. The board shall hold an election to elect the  
2 appropriate number of commissioners on the uniform election date in  
3 November of each even-numbered year.

4           SECTION 2. (a) In this section, "board," "commissioner,"  
5 and "district" have the meanings assigned by Section 1A, Chapter  
6 404, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, as added  
7 by this Act.

8           (b) Not later than June 1, 2010, the board shall divide the  
9 territory of the district into four numbered single-member  
10 districts as required by Section 1B, Chapter 404, Acts of the 53rd  
11 Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, as added by this Act.

12           (c) A commissioner of the district who is serving on the day  
13 before the effective date of this Act shall serve until a successor  
14 qualifies following an election under Subsection (d) of this  
15 section.

16           (d) On the uniform election date in November 2010, the board  
17 shall hold an election to elect one at-large commissioner and four  
18 commissioners from single-member districts.

19           (e) The five commissioners elected under Subsection (d) of  
20 this section shall draw lots to determine which two commissioners  
21 shall serve a term expiring December 1, 2012, and which three  
22 commissioners shall serve a term expiring December 1, 2014.

23           (f) On the uniform election date in November 2012, the board  
24 shall hold an election to elect two commissioners to terms of four  
25 years.

26           (g) On the uniform election date in 2014, the board shall  
27 hold an election to elect three commissioners to terms of four

1 years.

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

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

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

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

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2569 passed the Senate on May 11, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2569 passed the House, with amendment, on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor