

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 2570
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 30, 2009; April 30, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on International Relations and
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1-5 Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 6, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the board of directors of the Kenedy County Groundwater
1-9 Conservation District.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Chapter 1152, Acts of the 78th Legislature,
1-12 Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding Section 9A to read as
1-13 follows:

1-14 Sec. 9A. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: SINGLE-MEMBER
1-15 DISTRICTS. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of
1-16 the Act by which this section is enacted into law, the board shall:

1-17 (1) divide the district into five single-member
1-18 districts for electing directors; and

1-19 (2) assign each of the existing board positions to one
1-20 of the new single-member districts.

1-21 (b) If the district annexes territory, the annexed
1-22 territory becomes part of one or more of the single-member
1-23 districts as determined by the board.

1-24 (c) One director shall be elected from each single-member
1-25 district.

1-26 (d) To be a candidate for or to serve as a director, a person
1-27 must be a registered voter in the single-member district the person
1-28 represents or seeks to represent.

1-29 (e) A person shall indicate on the application for a place
1-30 on the ballot the single-member district the person seeks to
1-31 represent.

1-32 (f) After each federal decennial census or as needed, the
1-33 board may redraw the single-member districts to reflect population
1-34 changes. A director in office on the effective date of a change in
1-35 the boundaries of a single-member district, or a director elected
1-36 or appointed before the effective date of the change whose term of
1-37 office begins on or after the effective date of the change, shall
1-38 serve for the remainder of the director's term in the single-member
1-39 district to which elected or appointed even though the change in
1-40 boundaries places the director's residence outside the district to
1-41 which the director was elected or appointed.

1-42 SECTION 2. Chapter 1162, Acts of the 78th Legislature,
1-43 Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding Section 8A to read as
1-44 follows:

1-45 Sec. 8A. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: SINGLE-MEMBER
1-46 DISTRICTS. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of
1-47 the Act by which this section is enacted into law, the board shall:

1-48 (1) divide the district into five single-member
1-49 districts for electing directors; and

1-50 (2) assign each of the existing board positions to one
1-51 of the new single-member districts.

1-52 (b) If the district annexes territory, the annexed
1-53 territory becomes part of one or more of the single-member
1-54 districts as determined by the board.

1-55 (c) One director shall be elected from each single-member
1-56 district.

1-57 (d) To be a candidate for or to serve as a director, a person
1-58 must be a registered voter in the single-member district the person
1-59 represents or seeks to represent.

1-60 (e) A person shall indicate on the application for a place
1-61 on the ballot the single-member district the person seeks to
1-62 represent.

1-63 (f) After each federal decennial census or as needed, the
1-64 board may redraw the single-member districts to reflect population

changes. A director in office on the effective date of a change in the boundaries of a single-member district, or a director elected or appointed before the effective date of the change whose term of office begins on or after the effective date of the change, shall serve for the remainder of the director's term in the single-member district to which elected or appointed even though the change in boundaries places the director's residence outside the district to which the director was elected or appointed.

SECTION 3. The following laws are repealed:
 (1) Section 9, Chapter 1152, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003; and
 (2) Section 8, Chapter 1162, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

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

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

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

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