

By: Howard of Fort Bend

H.B. No. 894

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the composition of the board of directors of the Gulf  
3 Coast Water Authority.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 5 and 5(a), Chapter 712, Acts of the  
6 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965, are amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 Sec. 5. The management and control of the District is hereby  
9 vested in a Board of eight [~~seven (7)~~] directors. The directors  
10 appointed by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County shall  
11 represent the geographic and ethnic diversity of the county.  
12 Vacancies on the Board of Directors, whether by death, resignation  
13 or termination of the term of office, shall be filled by appointment  
14 by the commissioners court that appointed the director  
15 [~~Commissioners Court of Galveston County~~]. All terms of office  
16 shall be for a period of two (2) years. Terms shall be staggered [~~so~~  
17 ~~that the terms of three (3) directors expire one year and the terms~~  
18 ~~of four (4) directors expire the next year~~]. Three (3) of the  
19 members appointed by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County  
20 shall be registered professional engineers under the laws of Texas.

21 Sec. 5(a). One (1) director of the District shall be  
22 appointed by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County upon the  
23 recommendation of the City Council of the City of Galveston. Six of  
24 the remaining [~~The remaining six (6)~~] directors shall be appointed

1 by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County with two directors  
2 appointed at-large and the remaining four of those directors  
3 appointed on the written recommendation of advisory committees  
4 appointed by the Board of Directors of the Gulf Coast Water  
5 Authority. Two of those directors shall be recommended by the  
6 Mainland Municipal Advisory Committee and two of those directors  
7 shall be recommended by the Industrial Advisory Committee. The  
8 Commissioners Court of Galveston County is entitled to accept or  
9 reject the recommendations made to the court by the advisory  
10 committees. If a recommendation made by an advisory committee is  
11 rejected, the advisory committee shall submit additional  
12 recommendations to the court.

13 The Industrial Advisory Committee is composed of one  
14 representative of each industrial customer of the Gulf Coast Water  
15 Authority. The Mainland Municipal Advisory Committee is composed  
16 of one representative of each municipal or water district customer  
17 of the Gulf Coast Water Authority that uses not less than 2 million  
18 gallons of water a day. The names of the representatives of each of  
19 the committees shall be submitted to the Board of Directors of the  
20 Gulf Coast Water Authority by the respective industrial and  
21 municipal or water district customers. The directors of the Gulf  
22 Coast Water Authority shall submit the names of the advisory  
23 committee members to the Commissioners Court of Galveston County,  
24 which shall record the names in the minutes of the court.

25 One director shall be appointed by the Commissioners Court of  
26 Fort Bend County to represent customers of the District in that  
27 county. A person appointed as a director by the Commissioners Court

1 of Fort Bend County must be a resident of that county.

2           SECTION 2. (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 has submitted the notice and Act to the  
10 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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

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

19           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.