By: Gallego

H.B. No. 1881

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to elections to confirm the creation of certain water

3 districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 53, Water Code, is amended

6 by adding Section 53.0201 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 53.0201. REGISTERED VOTERS REQUIRED FOR CONFIRMATION

8 ELECTION. (a) If, under Section 53.020, the commissioners court

9 grants a petition to create a district, the district may be created

10 only if at least 40 registered voters reside in the district on the

11 date of the election held to confirm the district's creation.

12 (b) This section prevails over a conflicting or

13 inconsistent provision of a special or local law that governs a

14 specific district.

15 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Water Code, is amended

16 by adding Section 54.0211 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 54.0211. REGISTERED VOTERS REQUIRED FOR CONFIRMATION

18 ELECTION. (a) If, under Section 54.021, the commission grants a

19 petition to create a district, the district may be created only if

20 at least 40 registered voters reside in the district on the date of

21 the election held to confirm the district's creation.

22 (b) This section prevails over a conflicting or

23 inconsistent provision of a special or local law that governs a

24 specific district.

1   SECTION 3. Sections 53.0201 and 54.0211, Water Code, as
2 added by this Act, apply only to a district for which a petition is
3 granted on or after the effective date of this Act. A district for
4 which a petition is granted before the effective date of this Act is
5 subject to the law in effect when the petition is granted, and that
6 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

7   SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.