By: Garza H.B. No. 3855

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the Bexar Metropolitan Water District.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 4 ARTICLE 1. ELECTION; EFFECTIVE DATE OF ARTICLES 2 AND 3
- 5 SECTION 1.01. (a) In this section:
- 6 (1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on
- 7 Environmental Quality.
- 8 (2) "District" means the Bexar Metropolitan Water
- 9 District.
- 10 (b) On the next uniform election date following the 60th day
- 11 after the date of preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting
- 12 Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. Section 1973c) of all provisions of
- 13 the Act enacting this section that are subject to that
- 14 preclearance, the commission shall hold an election in the district
- 15 on the question of dissolving the district and disposing of the
- 16 district's assets and obligations. If the commission determines
- 17 that preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act
- 18 of 1965 is not required, the commission shall hold the election on
- 19 the next uniform election date that falls at least 60 days after the
- 20 date the commission makes that determination.
- 21 (c) The order calling the election must state:
- 22 (1) the nature of the election, including the
- 23 proposition to appear on the ballot;
- 24 (2) the date of the election;

- 1 (3) the hours during which the polls will be open; and
- 2 (4) the location of the polling places.
- 3 (d) The commission shall give notice of an election under
- 4 this section by publishing once a week for two consecutive weeks a
- 5 substantial copy of the election order in a newspaper with general
- 6 circulation in the district. The first publication of the notice
- 7 must appear not later than the 35th day before the date of the
- 8 election.
- 9 (e) The ballot for an election under this section must be
- 10 printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The
- 11 dissolution of the Bexar Metropolitan Water District."
- 12 SECTION 1.02. (a) On the date on which the election results
- 13 are officially declared the commission shall certify that result to
- 14 the secretary of state.
- 15 (b) If the proposition is approved by a majority of the
- 16 voters voting at the election:
- 17 (1) Article 3 of this Act takes effect on the date the
- 18 results are officially declared; and
- 19 (2) Article 2 of this Act does not take effect.
- 20 (c) If a majority of the voters voting at the election do not
- 21 approve the proposition:
- 22 (1) Article 2 of this Act takes effect on the date the
- 23 results are officially declared; and
- 24 (2) Article 3 of this Act does not take effect.
- 25 ARTICLE 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BEXAR METROPOLITAN WATER
- 26 DISTRICT IF VOTERS DO NOT DISSOLVE THE DISTRICT UNDER ARTICLE 1
- SECTION 2.01. Sections 1 and 8, Chapter 306, Acts of the

- 1 49th Legislature, Regular Session, 1945, are amended to read as
- 2 follows:
- 3 Sec. 1. In obedience to the provisions of Article 16,
- 4 Section 59 of the Constitution of Texas, there is hereby created
- 5 Bexar Metropolitan Water District. [, hereinafter in this Act
- 6 sometimes called the "District."]
- Sec. 8. (a) [\cdot] The <u>seven</u> [$\frac{\text{five (5)}}{\text{of the Board of}}$] members of the Board of
- 8 Directors <u>are</u> [shall hereafter be] elected <u>to staggered two-year</u>
- 9 terms in an election held on the uniform election date in November.
- 10 Directors are elected from numbered single-member districts
- 11 established by the Board. The Board shall revise each
- 12 <u>single-member district after each decennial census to reflect</u>
- 13 population changes and to conform with state law, the federal
- 14 Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. Section 1973 et seq.), and any
- 15 applicable court order [for a term of six (6) years each, provided
- 16 that an election for two (2) Directors for a term of six (6) years
- 17 shall be held on the first Tuesday in April, 1954; the terms of
- 18 three (3) members of the present Board shall be, and are, hereby,
- 19 extended to the first Tuesday in April, 1957; and the present
- 20 Directors shall determine such three (3) by lot. Three (3)
- 21 Directors shall be elected on the first Tuesday in April, 1957, and
- 22 two (2) Directors and three (3) Directors, alternately, shall be
- 23 elected each three (3) years thereafter on the first Tuesday in
- 24 April as the six-year terms expire]. At an election of Directors,
- 25 the candidate from each single-member district who receives [The
- 26 two (2) or three (3) persons, respectively, receiving] the greatest
- 27 number of votes is [shall be declared] elected to represent that

- 1 <u>single-member district</u>. Each Director shall hold office until his
- 2 successor <u>is</u> [shall have been] elected or appointed and <u>has</u> [shall
- 3 have] qualified.
- 4 (a-1) A person is not eligible to serve as a Director for
- 5 more than three terms or for more than a total of seven years of
- 6 service.[+]
- 7 (b) <u>Such</u> [such] elections shall be called, conducted and
- 8 canvassed in the manner provided by the Election Code. [Chapter 25,
- 9 General Laws of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session,
- 10 1925, and any amendments thereto;
- 11 (c) The [the] Board of Directors shall fill all vacancies on
- 12 the Board by appointment and such appointees shall hold office
- 13 until a successor elected at the next scheduled election date has
- 14 qualified. [for the unexpired term for which they were appointed;]
- 15 (d) Any four [any three] members of the Board are [shall
- 16 $\frac{\text{constitute}}{\text{constitute}}$ a quorum for the adoption $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{or}}$ [of] passage of any
- 17 resolution or order or the transaction of any business of the
- 18 District.[+]
- 19 (e) <u>A Director must</u> [Directors succeeding the first Board,
- 20 whether now or hereafter elected, shall be a qualified voter of the
- 21 <u>single-member district from which the Director is elected</u> [resident
- 22 electors of Bexar County, Texas, and owners of taxable property
- 23 within the area comprising said District, and shall organize in
- 24 like manner].
- 25 (f) A payment to a Director for fees of office under Section
- 26 49.060, Water Code, may not be made for a meeting that occurs in a
- 27 different fiscal year from the one in which the payment is made.

- H.B. No. 3855
- 1 SECTION 2.02. Section 33A, Chapter 306, Acts of the 49th
- 2 Legislature, Regular Session, 1945, is amended by amending
- 3 Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:
- 4 (c) The oversight committee is comprised of seven $[\frac{5}{2}]$
- 5 members appointed as follows [to represent the following members]:
- 6 (1) two Senators who represent Senate districts that
- 7 include territory within the Bexar Metropolitan Water District,
- 8 [the Senator sponsor of this Act, or, in the event this Senator
- 9 cannot serve, a Senator] appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;
- 10 (2) <u>two Representatives who represent</u> [the] House
- 11 districts that include territory within the District, [author of
- 12 this Act, or, in the event this Representative cannot serve, a
- 13 Representative] appointed by the Speaker of the Texas House of
- 14 Representatives;
- 15 (3) one member with special expertise in the operation
- 16 of public water utilities appointed by the Governor;
- 17 (4) one member appointed by the Governor to represent
- 18 the public; and
- 19 (5) one [a] member of the Bexar County Commissioners
- 20 Court who represents a precinct in which customers of the District
- 21 reside.
- 22 (g) On or before December 31, 2012, the oversight committee
- 23 shall provide a report under Subsection (e) of this section to the
- 24 <u>legislature</u>. The committee is abolished and this section expires
- 25 January 1, 2013.
- SECTION 2.03. Chapter 306, Acts of the 49th Legislature,
- 27 Regular Session, 1945, is amended by adding Sections 1A, 8A, 8B, 8C,

- 1 10A, and 10B to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1A. In this Act:
- 3 (1) "Board" means the District's Board of Directors.
- 4 (2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on
- 5 Environmental Quality.
- 6 (3) "Director" means a Board member.
- 7 (4) "District" means the Bexar Metropolitan Water
- 8 District.
- 9 Sec. 8A. (a) To be eligible to be a candidate for or to be
- 10 <u>elected or appointed as a Director, a person must have:</u>
- 11 (1) resided continuously in the single-member
- 12 district that the person seeks to represent for 12 months
- 13 immediately preceding the date of the regular filing deadline for
- 14 the candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
- 15 (2) viewed the open government training video provided
- 16 by the attorney general and provided to the Board a signed affidavit
- 17 stating that the candidate viewed the video;
- 18 (3) obtained 200 signatures from individuals living in
- 19 the District; and
- 20 (4) paid a filing fee of \$250 or filed a petition in
- 21 lieu of the filing fee that satisfies the requirements prescribed
- 22 by Section 141.062, Election Code.
- 23 (b) In this subsection, "political contribution" and
- 24 "specific-purpose committee" have the meanings assigned by Section
- 25 251.001, Election Code. A Director or a candidate for the office of
- 26 Director may not knowingly accept political contributions from a
- 27 person that in the aggregate exceed \$500 in connection with each

election in which the person is involved. For purposes of this 1 subsection, a contribution to a specific-purpose committee for the 2 purpose of supporting a candidate for the office of Director, 3 opposing the candidate's opponent, or assisting the candidate as an 4 5 officeholder is considered to be a contribution to the candidate. 6 Sec. 8B. (a) A person who is elected or appointed to and 7 qualifies for office as a Director on or after the effective date of 8 this section may not vote, deliberate, or be counted as a member in attendance at a meeting of the Board until the person completes a 9 training program on District management issues. The training 10 program must provide information to the person regarding: 11 12 (1) the enabling legislation that created the 13 District; 14 (2) the operation of the District; 15 (3) the role and functions of the Board; 16 (4) the rules of the Board; 17 (5) the current budget for the Board; (6) the results of the most recent formal audit of the 18 19 Board; 20 (7) the requirements of the: 21 (A) open meetings law, Chapter 551, Government 22 Code; 23 (B) open records law, Chapter 552, Government 24 Code; and 25 (C) administrative procedure law, Chapter 2001,

(8) the requirements of the conflict of interest laws

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Government Code;

- 1 and other laws relating to public officials; and
- 2 (9) any applicable ethics policies adopted by the
- 3 Board or the Texas Ethics Commission.
- 4 (b) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality may
- 5 create an advanced training program designed for a person who has
- 6 previously completed a training program described by Subsection (a)
- 7 of this section. If the commission creates an advanced training
- 8 program under this subsection, a person who completes that advanced
- 9 training program is considered to have met the person's obligation
- 10 under Subsection (a) of this section.
- 11 <u>(c) Each Director who is elected or appointed on or after</u>
- 12 the effective date of this section shall complete a training
- 13 program described by Subsection (a) or (b) of this section at least
- 14 once in each term the Director serves.
- 15 (d) The Board shall adopt rules regarding the completion of
- 16 the training program described by Subsection (a) or (b) of this
- 17 section by a person who is elected or appointed to and qualifies for
- 18 office as a Director before the effective date of this section. A
- 19 Director described by this subsection who does not comply with
- 20 Board rules is considered incompetent as to the performance of the
- 21 duties of a Director in any action to remove the Director from
- 22 <u>office.</u>
- (e) A Director may not:
- 24 (1) accept or solicit a gift, favor, or service, the
- 25 <u>value of which exceeds \$25 per gift, favor, or service, that:</u>
- 26 (A) might reasonably influence the Director in
- 27 the discharge of an official duty; or

- 1 (B) the <u>Director knows or should know is being</u>
- 2 offered with the intent to influence the Director's official
- 3 conduct;
- 4 (2) accept other employment or engage in a business or
- 5 professional activity that the Director might reasonably expect
- 6 would require or induce the Director to disclose confidential
- 7 information acquired by reason of the official position;
- 8 (3) accept other employment or compensation that could
- 9 reasonably be expected to impair the Director's independence of
- 10 judgment in the performance of the Director's official duties;
- 11 (4) make personal investments that could reasonably be
- 12 expected to create a substantial conflict between the Director's
- 13 private interest and the interest of the District;
- 14 (5) intentionally or knowingly solicit, accept, or
- 15 agree to accept any benefit for having exercised the Director's
- 16 official powers or performed the Director's official duties in
- 17 favor of another; or
- 18 (6) have a personal interest in an agreement executed
- 19 by the District.
- 20 (f) Not later than April 30 each year, a Director shall file
- 21 with the Bexar County clerk a verified financial statement
- 22 complying with Sections 572.022, 572.023, 572.024, and 572.0252,
- 23 Government Code. The District shall keep a copy of a financial
- 24 statement filed under this section in the main office of the
- 25 District.
- Sec. 8C. (a) A Director may be recalled for:
- 27 (1) incompetency or official misconduct as defined by

- 1 <u>Section 21.022, Local Government Code;</u>
- 2 (2) conviction of a felony;
- 3 (3) incapacity;
- 4 (4) failure to file a financial statement as required
- 5 by Section 8B(f) of this Act;
- 6 (5) failure to complete a training program described
- 7 by Section 8B(a) or (b) of this Act; or
- 8 (6) failure to maintain residency in the District.
- 9 (b) If at least 10 percent of the voters in the District
- 10 submit a petition to the Board requesting the recall of a Director,
- 11 the Board, not later than the 10th day after the date the petition
- 12 is submitted, shall mail a written notice of the petition and the
- 13 date of its submission to each registered voter in the District.
- 14 (c) Not later than the 30th day after the date a petition
- 15 requesting the recall of a Director is submitted, the Board shall
- 16 order an election on the question of recalling the Director.
- 17 (d) A recall election under this section may be held on any
- 18 uniform election date.
- 19 (e) If a majority of the District voters voting at an
- 20 election held under this section favor the recall of the Director,
- 21 the Director is recalled and ceases to be a Director.
- Sec. 10A. All Board reimbursements and expenditures must be
- 23 approved by the Board in a regularly scheduled meeting.
- Sec. 10B. The Board may not select the same auditor to
- 25 conduct an audit required by Section 49.191, Water Code, for more
- 26 than three consecutive annual audits.
- SECTION 2.04. (a) Section 8, Chapter 306, Acts of the 49th

- 1 Legislature, Regular Session, 1945, as amended by this Act, applies
- 2 only to a member of the board of directors of the Bexar Metropolitan
- 3 Water District who is elected to the board on or after the effective
- 4 date of this Act.
- 5 (b) Section 8A, Chapter 306, Acts of the 49th Legislature,
- 6 Regular Session, 1945, as added by this Act, applies only to a
- 7 member of the board of directors of the Bexar Metropolitan Water
- 8 District who is elected to the board on or after the effective date
- 9 of this Act. A director who is elected before the effective date of
- 10 this Act is governed by the law in effect when the director was
- 11 elected, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 12 (c) For two of the numbered single-member district
- 13 director's positions that expire in 2012, the district shall call
- 14 and hold an election on a uniform election date in that year to
- 15 elect the directors for those positions for terms that expire on the
- 16 uniform election date in November 2013. For the other two
- 17 director's positions that expire in 2012, the district shall call
- 18 and hold an election on the same uniform election date in that year
- 19 to elect the directors for those positions for terms that expire on
- 20 the uniform election date in November 2014. The district shall
- 21 determine by lot which single-member districts shall elect
- 22 directors to serve one-year terms and which shall elect directors
- 23 to serve two-year terms.
- 24 ARTICLE 3. CREATION OF THE ALAMO WATER DISTRICT IF VOTERS DISSOLVE
- THE BEXAR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT UNDER ARTICLE 1
- 26 SECTION 3.01. (a) The Bexar Metropolitan Water District is
- 27 dissolved. The district shall stay in effect to complete the

- 1 transfer under Section 3.05 of this article.
- 2 (b) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall
- 3 enter an order dissolving the Bexar Metropolitan Water District.
- 4 SECTION 3.02. Sections 1 and 8, Chapter 306, Acts of the
- 5 49th Legislature, Regular Session, 1945, are amended to read as
- 6 follows:
- 7 Sec. 1. <u>Under</u> [In obedience to the provisions of] Article
- 8 16, Section 59 of the Constitution of Texas, there is [hereby]
- 9 created the Alamo Water District. [Bexar Metropolitan Water
- 10 District, hereinafter in this Act sometimes called the "District."]
- 11 Sec. 8. (a) [-] The seven [five (5)] members of the Board of
- 12 Directors <u>are</u> [shall hereafter be] elected to staggered two-year
- 13 terms in an election held on the uniform election date in November.
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- 10 <u>service.</u>[+]
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- 27 within the area comprising said District, and shall organize in

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- 3 49.060, Water Code, may not be made for a meeting that occurs in a
- 4 different fiscal year from the one in which the payment is made.
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- 15 elected or appointed as a Director, a person must have:
- 16 (1) resided continuously in the single-member
- 17 district that the person seeks to represent for 12 months
- 18 immediately preceding the date of the regular filing deadline for
- 19 the candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
- 20 (2) viewed the open government training video provided
- 21 by the attorney general and provided to the Board a signed affidavit
- 22 stating that the candidate viewed the video;
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- 24 the District; and
- 25 (4) paid a filing fee of \$250 or filed a petition in
- 26 lieu of the filing fee that satisfies the requirements prescribed
- 27 by Section 141.062, Election Code.

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- open records law, Chapter 552, Government 1 (B) Code; and 2 3 (C) administrative procedure law, Chapter 2001, Government Code; 4 5 (8) the requirements of the conflict of interest laws and other laws relating to public officials; and 6 7 (9) any applicable ethics policies adopted by the Board or the Texas Ethics Commission. 8 9 The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality may 10 create an advanced training program designed for a person who has previously completed a training program described by Subsection (a) 11 12 of this section. If the commission creates an advanced training program under this subsection, a person who completes that advanced 13 training program is considered to have met the person's obligation 14 15 under Subsection (a) of this section. (c) Each Director who is elected or appointed shall complete 16 17 a training program described by Subsection (a) or (b) of this section at least once in each term the Director serves. 18 19 The Board shall adopt rules regarding the completion of the training program described by Subsection (a) or (b) of this 20 section by a person who is elected or appointed to and qualifies for 21 office as a Director. A Director described by this subsection who 22
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- 9 would require or induce the Director to disclose confidential
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- 12 reasonably be expected to impair the Director's independence of
- 13 judgment in the performance of the Director's official duties;
- 14 (4) make personal investments that could reasonably be
- 15 expected to create a substantial conflict between the Director's
- 16 private interest and the interest of the District;
- 17 (5) intentionally or knowingly solicit, accept, or
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- 19 official powers or performed the Director's official duties in
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- 21 (6) have a personal interest in an agreement executed
- 22 by the District.
- 23 <u>(f) Not later than April 30 each year, a Director shall file</u>
- 24 with the Bexar County clerk a verified financial statement
- 25 complying with Sections 572.022, 572.023, 572.024, and 572.0252,
- 26 Government Code. The District shall keep a copy of a financial
- 27 statement filed under this section in the main office of the

- 1 <u>District.</u>
- 2 Sec. 8C. (a) A Director may be recalled for:
- 3 (1) incompetency or official misconduct as defined by
- 4 Section 21.022, Local Government Code;
- 5 <u>(2) conviction of a felony;</u>
- 6 <u>(3) incapacity;</u>
- 7 (4) failure to file a financial statement as required
- 8 by Section 8B(f) of this Act;
- 9 (5) failure to complete a training program described
- 10 by Section 8B(a) or (b) of this Act; or
- 11 (6) failure to maintain residency in the District.
- 12 (b) If at least 10 percent of the voters in the District
- 13 submit a petition to the Board requesting the recall of a Director,
- 14 the Board, not later than the 10th day after the date the petition
- 15 is submitted, shall mail a written notice of the petition and the
- 16 date of its submission to each registered voter in the District.
- 17 (c) Not later than the 30th day after the date a petition
- 18 requesting the recall of a Director is submitted, the Board shall
- 19 order an election on the question of recalling the Director.
- 20 (d) A recall election under this section may be held on any
- 21 <u>uniform election date.</u>
- (e) If a majority of the District voters voting at an
- 23 election held under this section favor the recall of the Director,
- 24 the Director is recalled and ceases to be a Director.
- Sec. 10A. All Board reimbursements and expenditures must be
- 26 approved by the Board in a regularly scheduled meeting.
- Sec. 10B. The Board may not select the same auditor to

- 1 conduct an audit required by Section 49.191, Water Code, for more
- 2 than three consecutive annual audits.
- 3 SECTION 3.04. Sections 7, 27A, 27D, 27F, 27G, and 33A,
- 4 Chapter 306, Acts of the 49th Legislature, Regular Session, 1945,
- 5 are repealed.
- 6 SECTION 3.05. Not later than one month after the effective
- 7 date of this article under Section 1.02 of this Act:
- 8 (1) all functions and activities performed
- 9 immediately before that date by the Bexar Metropolitan Water
- 10 District are transferred to the Alamo Water District;
- 11 (2) a rule, form, policy, procedure, or decision of
- 12 the Bexar Metropolitan Water District continues in effect as a
- 13 rule, form, policy, procedure, or decision of the Alamo Water
- 14 District and remains in effect until amended or replaced by the
- 15 Alamo Water District;
- 16 (3) a reference in law or administrative rule to the
- 17 Bexar Metropolitan Water District means the Alamo Water District;
- 18 (4) all money, contracts, leases, rights, property,
- 19 records, and bonds and other obligations of the Bexar Metropolitan
- 20 Water District are transferred to the Alamo Water District;
- 21 (5) a court case, administrative proceeding, contract
- 22 negotiation, or other proceeding involving the Bexar Metropolitan
- 23 Water District is transferred without change in status to the Alamo
- 24 Water District, and the Alamo Water District assumes, without a
- 25 change in status, the position of the Bexar Metropolitan Water
- 26 District in a negotiation or proceeding relating to an activity
- 27 transferred by this article to the Alamo Water District to which the

- 1 Bexar Metropolitan Water District is a party; and
- 2 (6) an employee of the Bexar Metropolitan Water
- 3 District who earns less than \$50,000 per year becomes an employee of
- 4 the Alamo Water District.
- 5 SECTION 3.06. (a) Not later than the transfer under Section
- 6 3.05 of this article, commissioners courts shall appoint the
- 7 initial board of the Alamo Water District as follows:
- 8 (1) three members appointed by the Commissioners Court
- 9 of Bexar County;
- 10 (2) two members appointed by the Commissioners Court
- 11 of Atascosa County;
- 12 (3) two members appointed by the Commissioners Court
- 13 of Medina County; and
- 14 (4) two members appointed by the Commissioners Court
- 15 of Comal County.
- 16 (b) The initial board serves until directors are elected as
- 17 provided by Section 8, Chapter 306, Acts of the 49th Legislature,
- 18 Regular Session, 1945, as amended by this article, on the first
- 19 uniform election date in November following the date the district
- 20 is created that allows compliance with that section.
- 21 (c) The initial board may not include a person serving as a
- 22 director on the day before the effective date of this article.
- 23 (d) Sections 8B(a)(1), 8A(a)(3), 8A(a)(4), 8A(b), 8B(a),
- 24 8B(c), and 8B(f), Chapter 306, Acts of the 49th Legislature,
- 25 Regular Session, 1945, as added by this article, do not apply to an
- 26 initial director.
- 27 (e) The initial board shall draw seven single-member voting

- 1 districts in the district according to Section 8(a), Chapter 306,
- 2 Acts of the 49th Legislature, Regular Session, 1945, as amended by
- 3 this article.
- 4 SECTION 3.07. The first members of the board of directors of
- 5 the Alamo Water District elected under the changes in law made by
- 6 this article shall agree on, or draw lots to determine, which
- 7 member's term expires one year from the date the term began, and
- 8 which member's term expires two years from the date the term began.
- 9 SECTION 3.08. The boundaries of the Alamo Water District
- 10 are coterminous with the boundaries of the Bexar Metropolitan Water
- 11 District as they existed immediately before the effective date of
- 12 this article under Section 1.02 of this Act.
- 13 ARTICLE 4. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACT
- 14 SECTION 4.01. Except as otherwise provided by this Act,
- 15 this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.